

Await the *Kitchimokomans*;²⁶
 Or show yourselves more brave and wise,
 Ere they are joined by such allies?
 Clark, soon repulsed, will ne'er return,
 While your war-fire thus clear doth burn.²⁷
 Exert yourselves, therefore, while you
 Are favored by the *Manitou*,
 Else smoke will cease to greet the skies,
 Sad omens yield such sacrifice!—
 In vain shall medicine kettles boil,²⁸
 They'll not repay the juggler's toil;
 Each path would soon be covered o'er
 With briars, stones, and human gore,
 While troubled waters lash the shore.
 Observe the wretched Kickapoose;²⁹
 What have they gained by Lenctot's news?³⁰
 The *Ottogams*, *Pioreas* and *Sacks*,³¹
 Have scarce a blanket to their backs.
 Old *Carminees' Weenippegoes*,³²
 Want fuzees, powder, ball and clothes,
 And skulk in dens, lest old Langlade³³

²⁶ The Indian name for big knives.—A. S. DE P.

²⁷ The war-fire burning clear is one of the good omens.—A. S. DE P.

²⁸ The jugglers boil up ingredients as a sacrifice, before the war party sets out, in hopes of a good omen.—A. S. DE P.

²⁹ A nation inhabiting the Wabash country.—A. S. DE P.

³⁰ A runagate Frenchman, who used to communicate every favourable event attending the enemy.—A. S. DE P.

Comment by Ed. For this officer see *ante*, p. 376, note 6.

³¹ Three nations inhabiting the ground betwixt La Baye and the Mississippi. The Sacks are by some pronounced Saukies.—A. S. DE P.

³² A sensible old chief, at the head of a refractory tribe.—A. S. DE P.

Comment by Ed. A prominent Winnebago chief whose name is properly spelled Karrymaunee. There was a long line of chiefs by this name, one of whom in 1832 had a village near Baraboo.

³³ A French officer, who had been instrumental in defeating General Braddock, gained over to the British cause by Colonel D. P., which secured all the Western Indians in our interest.—A. S. DE P.