

King Nissowaque wills it so,
Approved by stern Kenoctigo,
Fleet Yabe, and strong Windigo.

The smooth-tongued Benessw'abeme,
The smiling young Apeshabe,
Schenowishkawa, whose lodge gives grace,⁸⁶
Amiable, with a lovely face,—
Half Indian, half Canadian race.
Tawakoney and Mitchekain,
Whose sires by Yankey rum were slain;
Neogema, Igomenon,
The bearded⁸⁷ Tecamessimon,
All Arbercrosh and Kishkacon;⁸⁸
Ogocee, Oga and Jinguak,
Shall trail the Chippawa tomahawk.⁸⁹
These Kitchinago recommends
To be your father's faithful friends;
While shouts proclaim the Sachem's choice,
To be my children's common voice.
And I this war-belt⁹⁰ have decreed,
To him who does the noblest deed,
Who strikes no blow but in the field,
And spares the lives of all that yield.

⁸⁶ A devoted prisoner may take sanctuary in his wigwam or hut.—
A. S. DE P.

⁸⁷ A very unusual circumstance, as the Indians, by the help of a
wire in form of a screw, take out all hairs but what cover the crown
of the head.—A. S. DE P.

⁸⁸ Two Indian villages.—A. S. DE P.

⁸⁹ Wrought in a war-belt, which those who carry it are said to
trail.—A. S. DE P.

⁹⁰ A large belt, called the war-belt of reward, consisting of 12,000
beads of wampum. Here the Colonel took another opportunity of
informing the chiefs that prisoners were fair game, but if any of
their young warriors scalped even any of the dead during this war,
they must never expect he would look upon them again.—Whereupon
they gave a general shout of approbation.—A. S. DE P.