

there came 8 ambassadors from the nation of Nadoucseronnons, that we will call now the Nation of the beefe They weeped uppon our heads untill we weare wetted by their tears We understood not a word of their language, being quite contrary to those that we weare with There was nothing but feasting for 8 days In 3 dayes' time there arrived eighteen severall nations As we became to the number of 500, we held a councill They made a large fort Soone 30 yong men of the nation of the beefe arrived, having nothing but bows and arrows, with very short garments, to be the nimbler in chasing the stagges The Elders of their village weare to come the morrow to renew the friendship and to make it with the ffrench The day following they arrived with an incredible pomp. This made me thinke of the Intrace that the Polanders did in Paris, saving that they had not so many Jewells, but instead of them, they had so many feathers We are called to the councill Our Interpreter tell them that the Christinos weare our brethren that if they would continue the warres (against the Christinos) that was not the meanes to see us againe in their Country A company of about 50 weare dispatched to warne the Christinos of what we had done. I went mysele, where⁴³ we arrived the 3rd day. I was received with great demonstration of ffrindshippe. All that day we feasted, danced and sing There weare about 600 men The snow blinded me The meane while that we are there, arrived above a thousand that had not ben there but for those two redoubted nations that weare to see them doe what they never before had, a difference which was executed with a great deale of mirth There weare playes, mirths, and bataills for sport each plaid his part. In the publick place the women danced with melody This feast ended, every one retourns to his countrey well satisfied. To be as good as our words, we came to the nation of the beefe, which was seaven small Journeys⁴² from that place. We promised in like maner to the Christinos the next spring we should come to their side of the upper lake⁴³ and there they should meete us, to come into their countrey. We being arrived amongst that nation of the beefe, we wondred to finde ourselves in a towne⁴⁴ where weare great cabbans mostly covered with skins and other close matts. They tould us they weare 7,000 men.⁴⁵ This we believed. Those have as many wives as they can keepe. If any one did trespasse upon the other, his nose was cutt off, and other the crowne of his head. The maidens have all maner of freedom, but are forced to mary when they come to the age. The more they beare children the more they are