

Country, into which they were then returning; this Proposal was very welcome to us, and we rowed in their Company for nineteen Days together, sometimes North, and sometimes North East, according to the best Observations we cou'd make by our Compass; so that after these Barbarians had forc'd us to follow them, we made more than two hundred and fifty Leagues up the River *Mississipi*, and we were got about one hundred and fifty Leagues up the same, above that of the *Illinois*, when we were first taken by them. One of the nineteen Days of our most tiresome Journey, a Captain call'd *Aquipaguetin*, who afterwards adopted me for his Son, had kill'd a large fat Deer, to which he invited the chief Captains of the Warriours; after the Repast, the Savages with their Hair anointed with Oil of Bears, and stuck all over with red and white Feathers, and their Heads cover'd with the Down of Birds, began to Dance with their Hands upon their Hips, and striking their Feet with great force against the Ground; during the Dance, one of the Sons of the Master of the Ceremony, made them all smoak in the Pipe of War, himself shedding abundance of Tears; the Father in the mean while, laying his Hands on our Heads, and lifting his Eyes up to Heaven, bathed himself in Tears. As far as we could judge, this Grimace boaded us no good, and we afterwards understood, he meant nothing less than our Destruction by it, but finding the Opposition he was like to meet with from the other Chiefs, who were of a contrary Opinion, he