

As they are of no great Value, we did not burden ourselves with Them.

We Slept in the Captain's Cabin, and on the following day we took Leave of him, promising to pass again by his village, within four moons. He Conducted us to our Canoes, with nearly 600 persons who witnessed our Embarkation, giving us every possible manifestation of the joy that Our visit had caused them. For my own part, I promised, on bidding them Adieu, that I would come the following year, and reside with Them to instruct them. But, before quitting the Illinois country, it is proper that I should relate what I observed of their Customs and usages.

SECTION 6TH. OF THE CHARACTER OF THE ILLINOIS;
OF THEIR HABITS AND CUSTOMS; AND OF THE
ESTEEM THAT THEY HAVE FOR THE CALU-
MET, OR TOBACCO-PIPE, AND OF THE
DANCE THEY PERFORM IN ITS HONOR.

WHEN one speaks the word "Illinois," it is as if one said in their language, "the men,"—As if the other Savages were looked upon by them merely as animals.²⁴ It must also be admitted that they have an air of humanity which we have not observed in the other nations that we have seen upon our route. The shortness Of my stay among Them did not allow me to secure all the Information that I would have desired; among all Their customs, the following is what I have observed.

They are divided into many villages, some of which are quite distant from that of which we speak, which is called peouarea. This causes some difference in their language, which, on the whole,