

ties, very scarce in that Country; for the best Reasons in the World are not listened to among them, unless they are inforc'd with Presents.

The next Day their Speaker answer'd our Discourse Article by Article, seeming to be pleas'd with our Proposal, tho' they were not really so. Whilst we were with them, their Parties had made an Excursion towards *Virginia*, and brought two Prisoners; they spared the Life of one, but put to Death the other, with the most exquisite Tortures. They commonly use this inhumanity towards all their Prisoners, and their Tortures some times last a Month: When they have brought them into their Canton, they lay them on Pieces of Wood, like a St. *Andrew's* Cross, to which they tie their Legs and Arms, and expose them to Gnats and Flies, who sting them to Death. Children cut Pieces of Flesh out of their Flanks, Thighs, or other Parts, and boiling them, force those poor Souls to eat thereof; their Parents eat some themselves, and the better to inspire into their Children, a hatred of their Enemies give them some of their Blood to drink. This Cruelty oblig'd us to leave them sooner than we wou'd have done, to shew them the Horror we had of their inhumanity, and never eat with them afterwards, but return'd the same Way. We went thro' the Woods to the River *Niagara*, where we arriv'd the 14th of *January*, much fatigued with our Voyage, having no Food on the Way but *Indian* Corn. Mr. *De la Motte* no longer able to endure so laborious a Life, gave over his Design, and return'd to *Canada*, having about two hundred Leagues to Travel.