

any great affair, and smoke out of the same after them.

Our three men, provided with this pipe, and very well armed, went to the little village three leagues from the place where we landed; but finding nobody therein, took some Indian corn, and left instead of it some goods, to let them see that we were no robbers nor their enemies. However twenty of them armed with axes, small guns, bows and clubs, advanced near the place where we stood; whereupon Mr. la Salle with four men very well armed, went toward them to speak with them, and desired them to come near us, for fear a party of our men who were gone a hunting, should meet with them and kill them. They sat down at the foot of the eminence where we were posted, and Mr. la Salle spoke to them all the while concerning his voyage, which he told them he had undertaken for their good and advantage. This was only to amuse them till our three men returned, who appearing with the calumet of peace, the savages made a great shout, and rose and began to dance. We excused our taking some of their corn, telling them we had left the true value of it in goods; which they took so well, that they sent immediately for more, and gave us next day as much as we could carry away in our canoes. They retired towards evening, and Mr. la Salle ordered some trees to be cut down, and laid across the way, to prevent any surprize from them. The oldest of them came to us next morning with their calumet of peace, and brought us some wild goats. We presented them with some axes, knives,