

VOYAGES AND EXPLORATIONS

the rapids we went some leagues into the woods, where they were encamped on the lake, where I had been before. When they saw me they were very much pleased and began to shout, according to their custom, and our savage came to me to ask me to go into his brother's cabin, where he at once had meat and fish put over the fire to give me a feast.

While I was there a feast was held, to which all the leaders and I also were invited. And although I had already had a good meal, nevertheless, in order not to offend against the custom of the country, I went to it. After banqueting they went into the woods to hold their council, and, meanwhile, I amused myself in looking at the landscape, which is very pretty. Some time afterward they sent for me, to tell me what they had resolved upon among themselves. I went to them with my servant. When I had seated myself near them they told me that they were glad to see me, and that I had not failed to keep my word as to what I had promised them; and that they realized my kind intentions more and more, which were to keep up my friendship further; and that before going away they wished to take leave of me; and that it would have been very disappointing for