

In answer to all this Skijagustah spoke nearly as follows: 'We are come hither from a mountainous place where nothing but darkness is to be found—but here there is light—we look upon you as if the great king were present—we love you as representing him—we shall die in the same way of thinking. Our crown is different from the great king's, and from that we saw in the tower, but to us it is all one—the chain of friendship shall be carried to our people—we look upon the great king as the Sun and as our father, and though we are red and you white, yet our hands and hearts are joined together. * * This small rope we show you is all that we have to bind our slaves with—but you have iron chains for yours—however, if we catch yours, we will bind them as well as we can and deliver them up—and take no pay for it. Your white people may safely build houses near us: we shall hurt nothing that belongs to them.' Then laying his feathers upon the table, he added—'This is our way of talking, which is the same thing to us as your letters in the book are to you—and to your beloved men we give these feathers in confirmation of all we have said.' The seven warriors returned home with Governor Johnson, in 1731, highly gratified with their visit. One of them, as will be seen in the sequel, distinguished