

with locks of Womens Hair; every Nation adorns it as they think fit, and according to the Birds they have in their Country. Such a Pipe is a safe Conduct among all the Allies of the Nation who has given it; and in all Embassays the *Calumet* is carry'd as a signal of Peace, the Savages being generally perswaded, that some great Misfortune wou'd befall them, if they should violate the publick Faith of the *Calumet*. They fill this Pipe with the best *Tobacco* they have, and then present it to those with whom they have concluded any great Affair, and smoak out of the same after them.

Our Three Men provided with this Pipe, and very well arm'd, went to the little Village, three Leagues from the Place where we Landed; but finding no Body therein, took some *Indian* Corn, and left instead of it some Goods, to let them see we were no Robbers, nor their Enemies. However, Twenty of them arm'd with Axes, small Guns, Bows and Clubs, advanced near the Place where we stood; whereupon Mr. *La Salle*, with Four Men very well arm'd went towards them, to speak with them, and desired them to come near us, for fear a Party of our Men who were gone a Hunting, shou'd meet with 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 return'd, who appearing with the *Calumet* of Peace, the Savages made a great Shout, and rose and began to Dance. We excus'd our taking some of their Corn, telling them we had left the true value of it in Goods, which they