ridges of Mountains, is in some Places a League broad, and half a League where it is narrowest: The Ice that came down ftop'd us here till the 12th of March, then after Prayers we Embark'd, and continuing our Course down the River, we discover'd three Savages on the 15th, and Landing marched up to them, whereupon they ran away; but after some Signs, one return'd and presented us the Calumet of Peace, which when we had receiv'd the two others came back. We could not understand one Word of their Language, and when we named two or three different Nations to them, one answered three times Chiquacha. They gave us some Pelicans they had kill'd with their Arrows, and we presented them with part of our Meat. Two Days after we faw many Savages near the River, crying aloud, Sasaconests, that is, Who goes there? as I have been inform'd. They fent a Pirogue, or heavy wooden Canoe towards us, wherein were the three Savages we had met two Days before. We presented our Calumet of Peace, which they receiv'd, but gave us to understand by Signs, that we must go to the Akansa, pointing to the Savages a shore. We could not avoid it, and as foon as we were Landed, the three Chiquachas took our Canoe upon their Shoulders, and carried it to the Villiage. These Savages receiv'd us very kindly, and presented us with Beans, Indian Corn and Flesh to Eat; we made them also a Present of some of our European Commodities, which they admired, putting their Fingers upon their Mouths when they faw our Guns. The 18th we Embark'd again, after having been entertain'd with Dancing and Feafting, and carry'd away our Commodities, tho' the Savages were loath to part with them; but having accepted our Calnmet

tv

m

fi: fr

CO

at

ha

 $\mathbf{C}_{\mathsf{d}}$ 

th

tu

Sp