

Sight of these Assemblies, one is apt to form a mean Idea of them.—Imagine that you see, Madam, a Dozen of Savages almost naked, their Hair set in as many different Forms, and all ridiculous ; some with lac'd Hats on, and every one a Pipe in his Mouth, and looking like People that have no Thought at all. It is much if any one drops a Word in a Quarter of an Hour, and if they answer him by so much as a Monosyllable : Neither are there any Marks of Distinction, or Precedency in their Seats. But we are quite of another Opinion, when we see the Result of their Deliberations.

Two Points were considered here, which the Governor had much at Heart. The first was, to make the three Villages be contented without any more Brandy, the Sale of which had been entirely prohibited by the Council of the Marine. The second was, to engage all the Nations to unite with the *French* to destroy the *Outagamis*, commonly called *les Resnards*, (*the Foxes*,) whom they had pardoned some Years before, and who were beginning to commit the same Outrages as before. *M. de Tonti* at first repeated in few Words, by his Interpreter, what he had more fully explained in the first Assembly ; and the *Huron* Orator replied in the Name of the three Villages : He made no Introduction, but went directly to the Business in Hand : He spoke a long Time, and leisurely, stopping at every Article, to give the Interpreter Time to explain in *French* what he had before spoken in his own Language. His Air, the sound of his Voice, and his Action, though he made no Gestures, appeared to me to have something noble and engaging ; and it is certain that what he said, must have been very eloquent ; since from the Mouth of the Interpreter, who was an ordinary Person, deprived of all the Ornaments of the Language, we were all charmed with it. I must own also, that if he had spoken two Hours, I should not have been tired a Moment. Another Proof that the Beauties of his Discourse did not come from the Interpreter, is, that this Man would never have dared to have said of himself all he said to us. I was even a little surpris'd that he had Courage to repeat so faithfully, as he did, certain Matters which must be displeasing to the Commandant.—When the