

of us, which they readily promised. But the chiefs not
satisfied with this promise, called instances to their memory
where they had promised & did not keep ~~them~~ it, now they
did not wish them to lie again, unanimous, & with consi-
derable noise they promised again that they would
not steal any more. Then after shaking hands again, & being
embraced by the chiefs, & they pipe of peace had made its
rounds several times the council was closed, & interesting
as it was, we were glad, for since ^{had} surprise ~~it~~ we not
eat anything, & now it was 9 o'clock P.M. & so fatigued
that we hardly knew to prefer food or rest. The former
however prevailed, & soon a Kettle was furnished, ~~for it was~~
ours being considered too small, for we had the chiefs for
guests — the sight of which might have been sufficient
under other circumstances to check all hunger, for clean-
liness is no virtue with them. We put the victuals, which
we had intended to have eat, on the table, or rather ^{on the} ground,
for by their appetite we could not be guided, ~~this~~ we should
not have been able to satisfy.

We had scarcely finished when a messenger came to invite us
to a feast with a chief, we wished to be excused, as we had
"feasted" enough for the night, but we were told by our inter-
preters, that we would give offence by not going, so we went
thinking we might get something unusual to us, such
as fresh buffalo, or venison, but we found ourselves great-
ly mistaken. No doubt, should they have had it, we should have
shared with them, for we were served with their best, but
which was nothing, but water & corn, without salt, grease,