

and bore down our hearts to ^{them} about ourselves, & the misery
 of these Indians we returned comforted & peaceful,
 & found the chiefs & counsellors as promised, which our
 interpreter had arranged in our absence. & now they wellcom-
 ed us heartily. The Council then proceeded, like the one with
 the other band, & we could not have received greater encourag-
 ements to come to live with them. Of course, their very contrac-
 ted ideas of what good we would have to bring, always recurred
 again, to what benefit we would be them in outward circum-
 stances, & therefore too were they so willing to promise any thing.
 Not a request of ours was negatived.

After the council, "feasting" commenced again, & continued
 until late in the night. To one we were invited which must
 have been yet in connection of the religious ceremony of the
 day. They went to work very solemn. After taking out of the
 Kettle, two heaps were made, or dedicated to the fire, then one
 to a buffalo skull, in the "medicine lodge," & with outstretched
 arms under murmuring noise we were blessed. ^{"by one of them"} To end
 this day, & we had again great reason, to bring our thankoffer-
 ing & that to the true & living God.

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As we intended to go back to day, as far as the lower Pawnee village
 we had but little time left for observation of these people & country.
 We were up on the surrounding bluffs before sunⁿrise, & were sur-
 prised, in seeing the Pawnee women turn out so early to their
 corn patches, which are in the ravins, where the water washed off
 the soil, & which are so narrow at places ~~that~~ ^{that} but two hills can be
 made abreast, & ^{some} so far from the village that the enemy has
 an opportunity to kill now & then one of them. Their lords design
 sometimes, however to keep guard, whilst they are at work.