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These peoples enjoy great freedom : for since they do not till the land, they are not tied to it ; they are nomads, vagabonds ; and if a chief wanted to take their freedom from them, they would immediately go seek it with another chief, or else they would withdraw into the woods and live there with their family. Among these peoples man's freedom is so great that it necessarily entails the liberty of the citizen.