

1671. Perrot after spending some days among the Miamis, and treating with their chief, returned to Sault St. Mary in pursuance of his instructions.¹ Tetinchoua wished to accompany him in person; but his advanced age and infirmities induced his subjects to fear that he would be unable to stand the fatigue of the journey, and persuaded him to remain at home. He did not even depute any one of his nation to the General Assembly; but he gave the Pouteouatimis full power to act in his name.² Time apparently did not permit Perrot to go and invite the Mascoutins and Kikapous to be present at the rendezvous, still less the Illinois, who then resided on the banks of the Mississippi, and among whom the French had not yet penetrated. It is certain that no Indian appeared from these three nations, nor any one to represent them.

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Deputies were present, however, from all the northern tribes, and even from the Monsonis, dwelling at the head of Hudson's Bay.³ The Sieur de St. Lussou, subdelegate of the Intendant of New France, repaired to Sault St. Mary in the month of May, 1671,⁴ appointed by special commission to take possession of all the country occupied by these tribes, and put them under the king's protection. The ceremony began with an address in Algonquin by Father Allouez, in which after giving all these Indians an exalted idea of the king's power, he endeavored to persuade them that nothing could redound more to their advantage, than to merit the protection of such a monarch, which they

pp. 125, 126. Perrot in his work gives nothing of the kind.

¹ He reached the Sault, May 5, with the principal chiefs of the Pottawatomes, Sacs, Winnebagoes, Menomonees. The chiefs of the Foxes, Mascoutins, and Miamis did not cross the bay.

² The Pottawatomes induced the Miami chief not to go, and he empowered them to represent him: Perrot, pp. 127-8.

³ Perrot, *Mœurs et Coustumes*, p. 128.

⁴ Francis Daumont, Sieur de St. Lussou, was sent west by Talon as soon as he landed. He left Montreal in October, 1670 (Perrot, p. 126), wintered on Lake Huron (Relation, 1671, p. 26), among the Amikoués: Perrot, p. 126. He reached Sault St. Mary in May, and took possession June 4: *Ib.*, M. Mary of the Incarnation; *Choix de Lettres*, p. 374.