

were the more charmed to see Frenchmen among them, in as much as they had long desired their alliance, for the reason, that the Iroquois began to make incursions into their country,<sup>1</sup> and that they feared a war which they were not in a position to sustain alone. They accordingly gave Father Marquette and Sieur Joliet every possible welcome, and induced them to promise their good offices with the governor-general.<sup>2</sup>

1672.

The two travellers, after resting for a time among the Illinois, pursued their course and descended the river as far as the Akansas, about the thirty-third degree of latitude.<sup>3</sup> Then, as provisions and ammunition began to fail them, and considering that it was not prudent to advance too far with only three or four men into a country, whose inhabitants they did not know, and as they could no longer doubt that the Micissipi emptied into the Gulf of Mexico, they resumed their route for Canada,<sup>4</sup> ascended the river as far as the river of the Illinois, which they entered.<sup>5</sup> On arriving at Chicagou on Lake Michigan, they separated.<sup>6</sup> Father Marquette remained among the Miamis, and Joliet went to Quebec to give an account of his voyage to Mr. Talon, whom he found to have already sailed for France.<sup>7</sup>

them on the west above the Missouri. Father Marquette expressly states that they reached Pekitanoni later: *Disc. of the Mississippi*, p. 38. The form Pekitanoni is given in a mutilated passage in Thevenot's *Voyages et Découvertes*, p. 28.

<sup>1</sup> The manuscript purchased by me contains the beautiful address of the Illinois chief, reproduced by Longfellow in his *Hiawatha*: *Disc. of the Mississippi*, pp. 20-37.

<sup>2</sup> The war began as early as 1656, and by 1667 the Illinois had been driven west of the Mississippi: Tailhan's *Perrot*, p. 224.

<sup>3</sup> *Discovery of the Mississippi*, pp. 38-50; Thevenot's *Voyages et Découvertes*, pp. 28-42.

<sup>4</sup> They left Akansa (called Akamsca in Thevenot, p. 40), July 17: *Disc. of the Mississippi*, p. 50.

<sup>5</sup> *Discovery of the Mississippi*, p. 50; Thevenot, *Voyages et Découvertes*, p. 42. On this river he found the Kaskaskias, misprinted *Kuilka* in Thevenot.

<sup>6</sup> Marquette does not mention Chicagou, but says that they both proceeded to Green Bay, whence they had started in June.

<sup>7</sup> Joliet could not expect to find Talon, as he had sailed before Joliet's appointment. As to his return, see Frontenac's *Dispatch*, Nov., 1674, *N. Y. Col. Doc.*, ix., p. 121. De la Potherie, in his brief allusion to Joliet's voyage (vol. ii. pp. 130-1),