

1687-90. the hair very short, excepting a tuft, which the Indians leave on the top of the head, or sometimes on the sides, and braid in a queue.

Grollet confirmed his comrade's statement to Joutel as to a large river to the northeast, on the banks of which, Europeans had been seen; and both offered to accompany him to the camp. He was charmed with this resolution; and, on the 8th, two Frenchmen having come to the Cenis with a horse to carry the provisions purchased by Joutel, all set out together, and arrived on the 10th.

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During Joutel's absence, la Sale's murderers had messed apart, and formed the design of returning to St. Louis, in order to build a boat, and proceed to the West Indies. Nothing was more chimerical than this project. They lacked most of the tools necessary for this work, and not one of them had ever learned how to handle any. But it was the first effect of the vertigo with which God often punishes those who have filled up the cup of their iniquity. Yet, as He did not design to involve the innocent in the misfortune which His justice laid up for the guilty, He inspired the former with the design of separating from the latter; and, in fact, their only thought was to take up the route in the direction where they deemed the Illinois to be.¹

Mr. Cavelier, who was at their head, having learned that Duhaut and his accomplices were preparing to send to the Cenis to buy horses to carry their baggage to St. Louis, went to him, and told him that he, with some others, whom he named, were too exhausted to undertake the march he contemplated; that it was their idea to remain for some time, at least, in the first Cenis village; and he begged Duhaut to make them a present of some axes, a little powder and ball, and to add what would enable them to buy provisions; that, if he wished, he might even set down the price he required, and that he would give him his note for it.

¹ Joutel, *Journal Historique*, pp. 234-9.