

1687-90. untoward accident which befell them in their long and toilsome march, was the loss of the *Sieur de Marle*—according to *Joutel*, a very worthy man—who was drowned on the 24th of June, while bathing in a river.<sup>1</sup> On the 20th of July<sup>2</sup> they arrived among the *Akansas*, where they found two Frenchmen: one, named *Delaunay*; the other, a carpenter, called *Couture*.<sup>3</sup>

It was a great joy for the travelers to find themselves so near the *Micissippi* and in a known country. The two Frenchmen had been sent to the *Akansas* by the *Chevalier Tonti* on his return from a voyage, which he had made in person to the mouth of the river, where *de la Sale* had proposed to meet him. They had begun a house, and seemed resolved to settle there, having lost all hopes of receiving any tidings of *de la Sale*. *Mr. Cavelier* informed them of his tragical end; but it was agreed among them to say nothing about it to the *Indians*, who had been held in awe by the mere name of the deceased, and from

<sup>1</sup> *Joutel*, *Journal*, p. 276; *Anastasius*, *Le Clercq*, ii., p. 351. They passed from the *Cenis* to the *Nahoudikhé*, the *Assonis*, or *Nassonis* (25 leagues E. N. E.), where, says *F. Anastasius*, they spent the octave of *Corpus Christi* (June 5). *Joutel* says they left June 13, and went N. E., or N. N. E., across four large rivers, with the *Haqui* *Indians* on the E., *Nabiri* (or *Nahiri*) and *Naansi* apparently on the W. On the 22d they heard of the *Kappas*, whom *Cavelier* recognized as a tribe met by his brother on the *Mississippi*. (*Joutel*, p. 270.) On the 23d they reached the *Cadodacchos* (*Le Clercq*, ii., p. 349), forty leagues from *Nassonis* (*ib.*, p. 360), whom *Joutel* mentions (*Cadodaquio*) as one of four allies, the others being the *Assony*, *Natsohos*, and *Natchitos* (p. 278; or, according to *Anastasius* (p. 352),

*Natchoos* (*Natchez*, in *V. au Nord*, v., p. 251), *Natchites*, and *Ouidiches*, the last name probably more correct than *Assony*, in *Joutel*. Then marching twenty-five leagues E. N. E., they reached, on the 6th July, the *Cahaynohoua*, or *Cahainihoua* (the *Cahinnio* of *Anastasius*). At last, proceeding sixty leagues further E. N. E., they came to the *Ossotteez*, or *Otsotchoué*, an *Arkansas* tribe, and, to their intense joy, descried a cross, and fell on their knees to thank God. (*Joutel*, p. pp. 298-9; *Anastasius*, *Le Clercq*, ii., p. 356.) For the death of the *Sieur de Marle*, see *Voyages au Nord*, v., p. 250.

<sup>2</sup> This date seems correct. Compare *Joutel*, pp. 297-8.

<sup>3</sup> Both were of *Rouen*. *Joutel*, *Journal*, p. 298; *Tonty*, *Memoir*, *Louisiana Historical Coll.*, p. 71.