

away from those savages. His design was to endeavor to reach the Illinois, and he was on the point of beginning his march, when he was attacked by a violent hernia, which obliged him to defer his departure.

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Joutel, seeing him in this state, offered to make the journey with fifteen men, but his offer was not accepted. La Sale told him that his presence was necessary at the Illinois, and that he wished thence to dispatch his brother, Cavelier, to France. Toward the end of December he was relieved from his malady, and made serious preparations for his march. He wished Joutel to accompany him on this trip, and in his stead appointed the Sieur Barbier<sup>1</sup> to command at St. Louis. Since his return from the Ceniz, he had fortified this post quite well, and he flattered himself that he had put it beyond reach of insult from the Indians. He left as much provisions as was required for all who were to remain there: that is to say, for twenty persons, including seven women, or girls, the Recollect Fathers Maximus and Zenobius, Mr. de Chefdeville, the Marquis de la Sablonniere, and a surgeon.<sup>2</sup>

After giving his final orders, he began his march January 12th, 1687, with sixteen men, including his brother, Mr. Cavelier, his nephews, Moranget and the younger Cavelier, Father Anastasius, Joutel, Duhaut, Larchevêque, de Marle; a German from Wittenberg, named Hiens<sup>3</sup>—an old buccaneer, engaged at Petit Goave; Liotot, a surgeon; the pilot Tessier, young Talon, Saget, Mr. de la Sale's

He sets out for the Illinois.

<sup>1</sup> Iberville, in a note to an extract from Talon's Interrogations, says that Gabriel Minime, or Barbier, was of Montreal, and that he knew him. Barbier married, at the fort, a girl who had come over with the colony from France, and a child was born of the union.

<sup>2</sup> Joutel, *Journal Historique*, pp. 154-7, complains that others made the number much larger. Neither Cavelier (pp. 35-6) nor F. Anastasius

(Le Clercq, ii., p. 331) mentions any number. John Baptist Talon says, in his Interrogations, twenty or twenty-five.

<sup>3</sup> Some call him Jemme, and say he was an English soldier; but they are apparently mistaken. *Charlevoix*. This is stated in the Interrogations faites à Pierre et Jean Talon, Sept. 14, 1698, Ms. Hennepin thinks Huens, or Hiens, a mistake for Hans, "John."