

ron. De Champmélin sails for France. Mr. de Saujon arrives. Serigny's departure. Arrival of two royal vessels. De St. Denys at Natchitoches. First tidings of peace. Unsuccessful enterprise at St. Bernard's Bay. Pensacola restored to Spain. Headquarters transferred to New Orleans. English intrigues. Fidelity of the Choctaws. Cause of the desertions. Hurricane and its effects. The Chickasaws ask peace. Hostilities of the Natchez. The Illinois all unite on the Micissipi. The Natchez make peace with the French.

BOOK XXII.

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