

tion had done against us, but that all should be forgotten, especially as the prime mover in all the mischief had been killed in the first siege during the Choctaw attack.

Perrier expressed his pleasure at seeing him, but insisted absolutely on seeing the Head Chief also; that he would no longer be trifled with, and that no Natché must again think of coming to his presence except in company with the Sun, as he would fire on any one advancing to make new proposals; that he accordingly permitted him to return to his fort, but that if the Head Chief did not come forth as soon as he got in, he would reduce the fort to ashes with his bombs. Saint Côme at once took leave of him, and in half an hour was seen coming forth with the Sun, and another called the Flour Chief, (Chef de la Farine.) The last was the real author of the massacre of the French; but Saint Côme had wished to throw the fault on another. They appeared at the moment when preparations were making to attack the fort during the coming night.

Mr. Perrier sent soldiers to meet them and conduct them to his quarters. The Sun told the General that he was charmed to treat with him, and that he came to repeat to him what he had told him through the envoy; that it was not he who had killed the French; that he was then too young to speak, and that it was the ancients who had formed this criminal project. "I am well aware," he added, "that it will always be ascribed to me, because I was the sovereign of my nation, yet I am quite innocent." In fact, it has always been believed in the colony that his whole crime was in not daring to resist his nation, or notify the French of what was plotting against them. Up to that time, and especially before he attained the dignity of Sun, he had never given any grounds to distrust him. Saint Côme, who was likewise not hostile to the French, also cleared him as well as he could; but the other chief merely said that he regretted deeply all that had happened. "We had no sense," he continued, "but hereafter we shall have." As they

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The Head Chief, his presumptive successor and another chief, come into the camp.

They are secured.