

Sun was, and informed him that the Flour Chief had come into the fort; that having awaked his nephew and eight or ten of the oldest warriors, he had told them that the French intended to burn them all; that for his part, he was sternly resolved no longer to remain exposed to fall into their hands, and that he advised them to seek safety with him; that they had followed his advice and escaped with their wives and children; that all the others had deliberated whether to do the same, but had deferred too long coming to a resolution, and day breaking, they saw that escape was impossible. On this, the Head Chief told Mr. le Sueur that the Flour Chief was a usurper, who, although not noble, had seized the place he occupied, which made him the third person in the nation, and gave him absolute power over all whom he commanded.

In the evening, Mr. Perrier went to see the Sun, and declared to him that he must send orders to all his subjects to come forth from the fort unarmed, with their wives and children; that he would spare their lives and prevent the Indians from illtreating them. He obeyed, and at once sent orders by the Natché who had come to bear the message I have mentioned; but all refused to submit. The wife of the Head Chief came to him the same day, with his brother and some others of his family, and Perrier gave her a hearty welcome, in consideration of the kindness she had shown the French women during their captivity. They were anxious to have the woman Chief, who had even more influence in the nation than the Sun himself. The wife of the Chief went repeatedly to the fort to induce her to come out, but her exhortations were unavailing. About thirty-five men and two hundred women surrendered towards two o'clock in the afternoon; the rest were told that unless they did the same at once, the cannonade would begin, and that as soon as it opened, there should be no mercy for any one. They replied that we might fire when we chose; that they did not fear death. Yet it is certain that there were only seventy warriors at most, remaining in the fort; that they had not

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