

that it still comprised two hundred warriors,<sup>1</sup> including the Yazoos and the Corrois, and as many youth, who could already in an emergency handle a musket; that one of their chiefs had gone to the Chickasaws with forty men and many women; that another, with sixty or seventy men, more than a hundred women, and a great number of children, was three days journey from his fort, on the shore of a lake; that twenty men, ten women and six negroes were at the Ouatchitas; that a band discovered by the army on the 18th of January, comprised twenty men, fifty women, and many children; that some twenty warriors were prowling around their old village to cut off the Frenchmen; that the Yazoos and Corrois were in another fort three days' march from his; that all the rest had died of hardship or dysentery. We were finally informed that the Flour Chief might have assembled sixty or seventy men, a hundred women, and a great number of children.

Le Sueur having acquired all this information, proceeded to report it to the General, and told him that if he would allow him to take all the well-disposed men, he believed he could guarantee to master all these separate corps; but he was refused. Perrier had not, perhaps, all the confidence in the Canadians that most of them deserved, and brought up in a service where discipline and subordination are at the highest point, he could not conceive that anything of importance can be effected with militia, who acknowledged no law of war but great bravery and invincible patience in the severest marches and most laborious works. He would doubtless have thought otherwise had he reflected that rules must be adapted according to the enemy's manner of fighting.

However, we were not slow in perceiving that the Natchez could still render themselves formidable, and that the step of sending the Sun and all who had been taken with him to be sold as slaves in St. Domingo, had rather

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<sup>1</sup> Diron d'Artaguettes, June 24. Gayarré, i., p. 281, says 300.