

colony away from the Micissipi River, because Isle Dauphin was the only port where ships could unload, but from what had occurred, it would have been a much wiser conclusion that the best course would be to transfer settlers and storehouses to the Micissipi, as they were subsequently obliged to do.¹

D'Artaguettes returned to France the same year, and gave the court a great deal of light as to Louysiana. Some years before, de Muys, major of the forces in Canada, and heretofore mentioned, had been appointed Governor of Louysiana, but that officer dying on the way, the King appointed as his successor the Sieur de la Motte Cadillac,² and in the instructions given him it was stated, that the King, having deemed proper to grant to the Sieur Crozat the monopoly of the Louysiana trade for sixteen years, with an absolute right in perpetuity to him and his heirs in the mines, veins and minerals, discovered and worked on the conditions laid down in his Letters Patent, the King wished the Governor to examine on the arrival of every one of said Sieur Crozat's ships, whether the condition of carrying out six unmarried young men or women by each ship was complied with.³

The King added that the Sieur d'Artaguettes, commissaire in said country, having returned to France, he had selected the Sieur Duclous⁴ to perform the duties of Commissaire Ordonnateur; that as there was as yet no judicial officer in Louysiana, and it was at present impos-

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¹ For dispatches of Bienville, Boisbriant, La Salle, see Gayarré, *Hist. de la Louisiane*, i., p. 77-82.

² Gravier, *Lettre sur la Louisiane*, p. 7. Nicholas Daneaux de Muy, Knight of St. Louis and Captain, born at Beauvais in 1651, married Margaret Boucher in 1676. He served at Chambly, in Frontenac's Onondaga expedition, and in Newfoundland. He came out in the *Renommée*, (Gravier, *Lettre*, 1708,) to examine charges against Bienville, and if necessary send him as a prison-

er to France. Gayarré, *Hist. de la Louisiane*, i., p. 82. He died however, at Havana. As to la Motte Cadillac, see ante iv., p. 264; v., p. 160, &c. His Louisiana administration showed him as unfit as he had been at Detroit. He was appointed Governor of Louisiana, May 6, 1710.

³ See Letters Patent to Crozat, dated Sept. 14, 1712. *French Louisiana Hist. Collections*, iii., p. 38, n. These say ten men or women.

⁴ *Louisiana Hist. Coll.*, iii., p. 66, 80.