

1712-25. his mission. He set out for Maubile with Don Juan de Vilescas, his wife's uncle, leaving her with child and promising to return as soon as possible for her.¹

The English endeavor to debauch our Indians.

During the whole course of these negotiations and adventures, the Governor of Louisiana had sent the Sieur de la Loire to the Natchez, with goods to establish storehouses. There he found Englishmen from Carolina, come to induce these Indians, with the Yazous and Chicachas² to declare war on other nations, so as to bring in captives, and it was all carried out. They were even suspected of intriguing against us, and la Loire soon after received orders to arrest their officer, who had remained alone among the Natchez.

He obeyed, and the officer was taken to Maubile, where Mr. de Bienville, who commanded there in the absence of Mr. de la Motte Cadillac, regaled him well for three days, after which he permitted him to return. He took his route by Pensacola, where the governor, Don Guzman, also gave him a cordial welcome; but while endeavoring to reach Carolina through the Alibamons, he fell in with a hunting band of Tomez Indians, who tomahawked him. What then roused these Indians against the English, does not appear, but most of them suddenly rose against them.

Irruption of the Indians into Carolina.

They had a warehouse in a Tchactas (Choctaw) village, which these Indians plundered, murdering all who had charge of it. This was but the commencement of their misfortunes: no sooner was it known among the other na-

¹ Pénicaut, Relation, ch. 17, § 2. He reached Mobile Aug. 25, 1716. Barcia, in his *Ensayo Cronologico*, makes only an incidental allusion to Saint Denis and his visit, (p. 312, 2.) although he has much relating to Louisiana. Dumont, *Memoires Historiques*, ii., p. 65, alludes to it briefly. Le Page du Pratz, *Histoire de la Louisiane*, i., p. 15-6, makes St. Denis help to establish the Spaniards among the Asinais. Father Morfi, in his *Memorias, para la historia de la Provincia de Texas*, p. 101, says

that Don Domingo Ramon set out Oct. 1, 1715, with a party of twelve missionaries, whom he mentions as friends of St. Denis. They founded six missions among the Natchez, Bidaes, Nazones, Nacogdoches, Ays and Adaes. Compare Espinosa, *El Peregrino Septentrional Atlante*, pp. 251-4; Bonilla, *Compendio de los sucesos ocurridos en Tejas desde su conquista hasta Noviembre de 1772*, MS; Domingo Ramon, *Derrotero para las Misiones*, 22 July, 1716, MS.

² Yazous and Chickasaws.