

1713-25. attempted to deny the fact, but were convicted, and their brains dashed out with clubs. Among them was one chief so notorious throughout the country for his cruelties and acts of treachery, that all the nations had long desired his death.¹

He makes
peace with
them.

This expedition ended, a consultation was held on the most expedient course in the actual conjuncture, and it was unanimously decided, that as the Natchez, if driven to extremes, were able to interrupt the navigation of the river and all communication with the Illinois, it was better to profit by the terror which we had succeeded in inspiring, to make an advantageous peace with them, and to offer as a favor the following conditions :

1. That they should erect at their own expense, and in a place to be assigned in their great village, a fort with storehouses and barracks necessary for the garrison and the storekeepers to be established there. 2. That they should restore all the goods taken from the French, and make full reparation for all the other losses which they had caused. 3. That the Great Chief's nephew, of whom complaint was made, should not appear in the village, under the penalty of having his head broken. These articles were read to the deputies, who approved them, and Mr. de Pailloux was dispatched with twenty men to have them ratified by the Great Chief.²

He entered the village with drums beating and ensign unfurled; the whole tribe, who loved the French, came out to meet him, and received him with great acclamations. He went directly to the Sun's cabin and presented to him the conditions of peace: the chief accepted them, and said that he simply awaited Mr. de Bienville's orders to begin work on the fort: and on this reply, which was communicated to the commandant, he came up from the

¹ Evidently alluding to le Barbu. au Nord, v., p. 21).
 Gayarré, i., p. 145; Richebourg, Louisiana H. Coll., iii., pp. 248, 251; two were tomahawked June 9, and two others on the 12th. *Id.*, p. 251. Relation de Louisianne, (Voyages

² Gayarré, i., p. 143; Richebourg, Memoire, Louisiana Hist. Coll., iii., p. 249. They were to kill the White Earth chief as soon as they could lay hands on him.