

It was in the month of March ensuing that the colony saw the first Concessionaries arrive. The *Sieur Dugué de Boisbriand* accompanied them, bearing the orders of the King,¹ or rather of the Company, which, under his majesty's good pleasure, had appointed him *Commandant* at the *Illinois*, *Mr. de Bienville* *Commandant-General* of *Louysiana* and *Director* of the Company, and *Mr. de Pailloux* *Major-General*. *De Boisbriand* ascended to the *Illinois* without delay, taking with him *Mr. Diron* and the *Chevalier d'Artaguet*, both brothers of the former *Commissaire Ordonnateur*; the former was a captain, and ere long was declared *Inspector-General* of *Louysiana*; the latter was a lieutenant.

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sions.

At the same time several Indian tribes, some of which had long seemed hostile to the French, like the *Chetimachas*, settled on the *Micissippi*, quite near *New Orleans*, and as most of these tribes are accustomed to the cultivation of the soil, they cleared large tracts, which was a resource for the city, since the Indians often in need supplied it with provisions. Some of the Concessionaries also sent part of their people up this river, and the advantages they found there for settling permanently, made all who had the general good at heart, regret that the other Concessionaries were prevented from adopting the same course. The uneasiness at first entertained in regard to the English had vanished; all the tribes bordering on the *Micissippi* lived on very good terms with us, and the only means of arming ourselves against the intrigues of the former and the inconstancy of the latter, was to fortify and people the colony.²

In the month of June of this same year, *de Bienville* took possession of *St. Joseph's Bay*, fifty leagues east of *Dauphin Island*.³ His brother, *Mr. de Chateaugué*, was

¹ *Pénicaut*, *Relation*, ch. 20, § 1. The order of the Council of State, directing *Mr. de l'Epinal* to turn

over the government of the colony to *Bienville*, was dated Oct. 27, 1717. *Gayarré*, i., p. 157. His only act during his short rule was to

pass a prohibitory, and of course unpopular, liquor law.

² *Pénicaut*, *Relation*, ch. 20; *Charlevoix*, *Journal*, p. 394. *Le Page du Pratz*, i., p. 82.

³ It still retains the name; it lies E. of *Apalachicola*, and N. of *Cape*