

ers; the rest took to the water to reach their brigantine, and some of them were drowned. The prisoners were all French deserters; Vilinville sent them to Mr. de Blainville, who, for want of hangmen to run them up, tomahawked seventeen, and sent the eighteenth to de Serigny, who hung him.<sup>1</sup>

1719.

While this was going on in Maubile River, Don Estevan Berroa set sail with the Maréchal de Villars and another ship,<sup>2</sup> with orders to attack the Philippe, and to land on Dauphin Island all Mendieta's detachment, and a number of soldiers whom he had taken on board for that purpose; to burn the town if possible, so as to drive off the Indians and force them to leave the island; in a word, to do all that prudence might suggest as best for the service of the King, his master. He also bore a summons addressed to the Captain of the Philippe, in these terms:

Serigny  
summoned  
to surren-  
der the  
Philippe.

SIR: I send you my boat to summon you to surrender, and not injure your vessel; otherwise, I will treat you as incendiaries, and show no quarter to any one. I will not even spare Mr. de Chateaugué, your brother, or your friend, who is in my power with the garrison of Pensacola, it being the will of my King, Philip, to treat with all rigor those taken with arms in their hands; while those who surrender, shall meet all possible leniency, and receive all the aid they need.<sup>3</sup>

Mr. de Serigny replied<sup>4</sup> that the Spaniards might attack him when they pleased, and that he was ready to receive them. In fact, besides the sixty men under the

<sup>1</sup> Bienville to the minister, Oct. 20, 1719. Bénard de la Harpe, p. 155, evidently confounds Vilinville and Bienville. Pénicaut, ch. 21, §4, says the Indians were Mobilians. Barcia makes all the Spaniards killed on the field, p. 355.

<sup>2</sup> The Santo Christo del Buen Viage, Barcia, p. 356, an English vessel captured by the Spaniards

off the coast of Cuba. La Harpe, p. 155.

<sup>3</sup> This letter, dated On board the Nuestra Señora de Vicuña, Aug. 13, 1719, 10 a. m., and signed by Antonio de Mendieta, was received by Capt. Diourse of the Philippe. Bénard de la Harpe, p. 152-3.

<sup>4</sup> He expressed his contempt for the bravado of this letter. *Ib.*