

arrived from Vera Cruz at Biloxi. It was commanded by Don Agustin Spinola, and brought over the Sieur Walcop,<sup>1</sup> an Irishman, captain of a man-of-war in the service of the King of Spain, as bearer of the treaty of peace concluded between France and the Catholic King, one of the articles of which restored Pensacola to the Spanish crown. This peace was celebrated at Biloxi, where I was at the time, with great demonstrations of joy, apparently very sincere on both sides.<sup>2</sup>

1722.  
 Pensacola  
 restored to  
 Spain.

As soon as the brigantine set sail again, that is to say, towards the middle of June, they began transferring to New Orleans all the goods in the Western Company's storehouses at Biloxi, because the Council had ordered the headquarters to be established there, only a detachment with an officer to remain at Biloxi. The troops had already begun their march to the capital, but all did not follow the route assigned to them. A company of Swiss, with their captain at their head, having embarked in a small coaster with a quantity of provisions and munitions, steered with ensigns spread towards Carolina, where they were very well received. Only two officers with a sergeant and some women remained in Louysiana, and even their clothes had been carried off by the others.<sup>3</sup>

Headquarters  
 transferred to  
 New  
 Orleans.

This was not the only desertion by which the English colonies as well as Havana profited.<sup>4</sup> Louysiana, accord-

<sup>1</sup> Alexander Wauchop. La Harpe, p. 325. Charlevoix in his Journal, p. 481, says a brigantine of 14 guns, 150 men. The Wauchops, though officers of the Irish Brigade, were Scotch. Bourke's regiment, commanded by Francis Wauchop, passed from the French to the Spanish service in 1715. See O'Callaghan, *Irish Brigade*, pp. 151-2; *Military Memoirs of the Irish Nation*, p. 193.

<sup>2</sup> Charlevoix, *Journal*, p. 481. Charlevoix arrived at New Orleans Jan'y 5th, 1722. *Journal*, p. 438: La Harpe's date (p. 285) is evidently wrong. Although the *Mercur* had represented New Orleans as containing 800 houses, he found

a hundred rude huts, a storehouse, and two or three good houses. During his stay he effected a reconciliation between Bienville and Hubert, the Commissaire Ordonnateur. La Harpe, p. 287.

<sup>3</sup> June 12, the Swiss company, commanded by Mr. Brandt in the absence of Capt. Wouwerdelik, while in the Elizabeth rose against the captain, Lasou, and forced him to take them to Havana; Bénard de la Harpe, p. 331; but they really reached Carolina; the Spaniards refusing to receive them, p. 348. Charlevoix, *Journal*, p. 482.

<sup>4</sup> The garrison of Fort Toulouse among the Alibamons mutinied,