

Account of the second voyage and the death
of Father Jacques Marquette.

THE mission of the Illinois was founded in the year 1674, after the first voyage which father jaques marquet made to discover new territories and new peoples who are on the great and famous river missisipi.

The year following, he made a second voyage in order to establish there the mission; it is that one which we are about to relate.

SECTION 1ST. NARRATIVE OF THE 2ND VOYAGE THAT FATHER MARQUET MADE TO THE ILLINOIS. HE REACHES THEM, NOTWITHSTANDING HIS ILLNESS, AND BEGINS THE MISSION OF LA CONCEPTION.

FATHER Jaques marquette, having promised the Illinois on his first voyage to them, in 1673, that he would return to them the following year, to teach them the mysteries of our religion, had much difficulty in keeping his word. The great hardships of his first voyage had Brought upon him a bloody flux, and had so weakened him that he was giving up the hope of undertaking a second. However, his sickness decreased; and, as it had almost entirely Abated by the close of the summer in the following year, He obtained the permission of his superiors to return to the Illinois and there begin that fair mission.

He set out for that purpose, in the month of november of the year 1674, from the bay des puants,