

quen. The river Mississippi had not been seen by those Fathers.

Documents preserved at Quebec show that, in 1673, Louis Jolliet, born at Quebec of French parents, was commissioned by M. de Frontenac to discover the great river, some affluents of which had been visited by missionaries and traders. Jolliet chose for his companion Father Marquette, whose name was thus connected with the discovery of the Mississippi.

The best authorities we have for the earlier portion of the history of Canada, are, besides Champlain, Ducreux, the *Relations des Jesuites*, *Journal des Jesuites*, and the valuable letters of *La Mere de l'Incarnation*. I am happy to be able to inform your Grace, that the Provincial Legislature has determined to have a part of these interesting works reprinted.

I am really sorry, my dear Lord, not to have it in my power to give a more favorable opinion of M. Noiseux's work; however, his character should not suffer, because, in opposition to his better judgment and to his wishes, this work has been thrust before the public. * *

Your Grace's most obedient humble servant,

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