

prize at stake was immense,—no officer in the French service could have traveled so many miles, suffered so many privations and hardships, or taken part in so many services and conflicts, as my grandfather, the *Sieur Charles De Langlade*. Had the French been successful, his name and fame would doubtless have been better known to history; but the departure of the French leaders, immediately after the war, to their native land, and the natural dislike of the discomfitted party to publish accounts of their deeds and services, however meritorious, together with the far-off and secluded region where *De Langlade* resided, and the change of Government in his country, must all have contributed to the silence of history in failing to proclaim his distinguished merits and services. I cannot but believe, that *Vaudreuil*, *Montcalm*, *Dumas*, *De Beaujeu*, and other French leaders, made full reports of my grandfather's arduous and persistent services to the King and Government, for the King must have been made fully aware of his services, or he would not have sent him a commission; and this prompts me to express the hope, that the Legislature of Wisconsin, as other States have wisely done, will, at an early day, authorize the procurement from the archives of both France and Great Britain, a faithful transcript of all documents, not only relating to my grandfather, but to the early expeditions of *De Louvigny*, *De Lignery*, and *Morand*, and all that is preserved of the French and English *regime* in Wisconsin. They should be procured, and published in the volumes of the Historical Society's Collections.

I do not remember to have heard any thing of the Green Bay land grant of an extensive territory, with the exclusive right of the Indian trade, made by Gov. *Vaudreuil*, in October, 1759, to *Rigaud Vaudreuil* and wife, and confirmed by the French King, in January, 1760, at a critical period, just before the subjugation of Canada by the British, and which was in 1766, transferred to William Grant. If any knowledge of it came to the ears of the settlers here at that period, it must