

On page 236, mention is made, that the old French fort at Prairie du Chien was established in 1755. But there was a much earlier fort located there, as shown by Franquelin's map of 1688. Neill's *Hist. of Minnesota*, 4th edition, pages 138, and 799, show that Nicholas Perrot was sent in the spring of 1685, with a party of twenty men, to form friendly alliances with the Ioways and Dakotas, and located the first trading-post, just above the mouth of the Wisconsin, at the present locality of Prairie du Chien, and called it after his own baptismal name, Fort St. Nicholas. Another early trading-post was established by Perrot on the same exploration, just above the mouth of the Rivière des Sauteurs, or Chippewas, called Fort St. Antoine. These early establishments form important landmarks in the primitive history of Wisconsin. The authenticity of Franquelin's map, given in Neill's able work, and in Winchell's *Historical Sketch of Explorations and Surveys in Minnesota*, is well attested. It was furnished to the French government by the governor of New France, and preserved in manuscript among the French archives, and only recently first published by Dr. Neill.