

sylvania, which he captured and burnt, and retired with a large number of prisoners. He held the command of Fort Chartres till June, 1764, when he retired to New Orleans. He received the order of the Cross of St. Louis as a reward for his fidelity and services.

The first notice we have of *Sieur De Noyelle*, is as commandant of the Post at Miami and serving under *Sieur De Villiers*, on his expedition against the Foxes, in September, 1730.

In 1732, a war party of the Iroquois and Hurons, encouraged, if not led, by *Sieur Charles Deschamps De Boishebert*, the commandant at Detroit, went on an expedition against the Foxes, and for their "adventure" the details of which are not given, the principal chiefs were promised medals of honor. The Foxes and their allies became so troublesome, that preparations began, near the close of 1734, for a new expedition against them, which was carried on the following year. Sixty soldiers were assigned to the *Sieur De Noyelle* for this service, aided, apparently, by such numbers of friendly Indians as he should think proper to embody for the enterprise. We are without the details of its execution, but it probably resulted very much like *De Lignery's*, when the Foxes managed to evade coming to blows, and kept out of harm's way. In the official documents of the times, we find one written in October, 1736, in which the following occurs: "*Sieur De Beauharnois* reported last year the cause of the ill-success attending *Sieur De Noyelle's* campaign against the Foxes and Sakis. He has the honor to inform you of the resolutions adopted by these Indians, and of the disposition of the Sakis, according to the news he has received from the commandant at the river St. Joseph." In a letter of Louis XV, of May, 1737, he says: "His Majesty has learned with pleasure, that *Captain De Noyelle's* expedition against the Foxes and Sacs in 1735, has not been attended by any bad consequences."

In 1741, the French accounts represent that the English were instigating the Indians of the Upper Country to rid themselves of the French, but this is hardly probable. The Foxes did,