

Villiers in command at Fort Chartres, when he retired from the country in June, 1764. He surrendered that post to the English, in October, 1765, and retired to St. Louis. The tradition that he subsequently returned, and resumed the command at Fort Chartres for a brief period, is unworthy of credit. Sir Wm. Johnson intimates, in 1766, that St. Ange had enlisted in the Spanish service; and as late as 1772, he speaks of him as yet on the Mississippi, as a former active French officer, and at that time, in Johnson's opinion, acting as a secret agent, sending out mischievous belts in the name of the French King to the Indians, to prepare them to co-operate with the French in case of a renewal of hostilities. But these are mere surmises of Johnson, and do not deserve serious consideration.

It is thus seen, that in the primitive days of Wisconsin, a goodly number of gallant French officers, whose names have become immortalized in the history of the country, either led or accompanied large bodies of whites and Indians along the beautiful Fox River Valley, and participated in many a savage conflict with the intrepid Sauks and Foxes. In recording that sanguinary chapter in the early annals of those tribes, we cannot but admire their desperate bravery in contending for their homes and loved ones, and commiserate their sufferings and misfortunes.