

it was necessary for two weeks to dwell upon higher ground. The principal trader at the post at this time was the *Sieur de Montbrun Boucher*, a brother of the commandant, and the armorer and blacksmith was *Francis Campau*, a brother of him who settled at Detroit, and whose descendants are so numerous in Michigan.

Owing to the hostility of the *Renards* (or *Fox*) Indians, early in October, 1728, the post was left in charge of a young man, the *Sieur Dufrost Jemeraye*, and a few voyageurs, while the rest placed the goods in canoes, retreated down the Mississippi toward the Illinois River, and were captured by allies of the *Renards*. The *Sieur Jemeraye*, early in 1729, abandoned the post, and nothing was done toward its re-establishment. In March, 1730, the *Sieur Marin*, a bold officer, moved against and had an engagement of the "warmest character" with the *Renards* in Wisconsin, and in September of the same year another French force attacked them, killed many of their warriors and compelled them to escape. After this defeat of the *Foxes*, it was determined to build a new post on higher ground, yet in the vicinity of the first stockade, which had been destroyed. The new commandant appointed was the *Sieur Linctot*, and the second officer was the *Sieur Portneuf*. *Linctot's* son, *Campau*, and several others were licensed to trade with the *Sioux*. *Linctot* passed the winter of 1731-32 at "*Montagne qui trempe dans l'eau*," now corrupted to *Trempealeau*, and early in the spring of 1732, proceeded to the vicinity, *Sandy Point*, *Lake Pepin*, and found at the site of the old stockade a large number of *Sioux* awaiting his arrival. Selecting a better position, he erected a larger post, the pickets enclosing 120 feet square, and there were four bastions.

The *Sieur Linctot*, in 1733, asked to be relieved, and the able officer, *Sieur Legardeur Saint Pierre*, was sent to command. Upon the 6th of May, 1736, *Saint Pierre* was informed by letters from *Lake Superior* of the dreadful massacre of twenty-one Frenchmen on an island in the Lake of the Woods by a party of *Sioux*. The 16th of September, there came to the *Lake Pepin* post a party of *Sioux* with some beaver skins as a pledge of friendship, and the next day