

another party, one of whom wore in his ear a silver pendant. When asked by St. Pierre how he obtained the ornament, he refused to answer, and the captain tore it from his ear and found that it was similar in workmanship to those sold by the traders, and then placed him under guard. The Sioux in December were unruly, and burned the pickets around the garden of Guignas, chaplain of the post. In the spring of 1737, a war party of Ojibways appeared from the St. Louis River of Lake Superior, and wished to attack the Sioux, and threatened St. Pierre; and, after conferring with the son of Linctot, the second officer, in May, 1737, he set fire to the post, and descended the Mississippi.

After a few years, the Sioux begged that the French would return to Lake Pepin, and in 1750, the governor of Canada sent the great Indian fighter and stern officer, Pierre Paul Marin, to take command there, and Marin's son was stationed at Chegouamigon of Lake Superior. In 1752, Marin the elder was relieved at Lake Pepin, and his son became his successor. The next year the father arrived with an army at Presqu' Isle, now Erie, Penn., to prevent the settlement of the English in the valley of the Ohio. From Presqu'Isle he cut a road of fifteen miles to what was called by the English, French Creek, and there built a stockade which was guarded at the gate by a cannon of four pound caliber, and the pieces in the bastions were six pounders. During the month of October, the elder Marin was taken sick, and while down upon his bed he received from the governor of Canada the decoration of the military order of St. Louis. Near sunset, on the 29th of the month, he died, and was buried at that post. Capt. Legardeur Saint Pierre, who preceded him at Lake Pepin, was made his successor, and early in December, 1753, he assumed command. Seven days later there appeared at the post in northwestern Pennsylvania a young man about twenty-one years old, named George Washington, with a letter from Gov. Dinwiddie, of Virginia.

The war between the French and English, which continued several years, led to the abandonment of the post at