

But why the endorsement "Bay des Puants," if the *procès-verbal* was really performed two hundred miles away at Post St. Antoine, on Lake Pepin? This is the answer: At that early period, and for more than a century thereafter, each prominent post in the Northwest had its dependencies—as, "Détroit and its dependencies," "Vincennes and its dependencies," and "Michilimackinac and its dependencies," and "*Green Bay and its dependencies.*" These dependencies, whether posts or settlements, dependent upon, and subject to, the head post of its region, often embraced a large extent of country.

Bougainville, an aide to Montcalm, in his *Memoir* on the condition of New France, 1757, gives this example: "La Mer d'Ouest is a post that includes the posts of St. Pierre, St. Charles, Bourbon, De la Reine, Dauphin, Poskoyac, and Des Prairies, all of which are built with palisades that can give protection only against Indians."<sup>1</sup> Bougainville further states, that Fort Abbitibi, in the Hudson's Bay region, "is a post dependent upon Temiscamingue, one hundred and twenty leagues" away. During the War of 1812-15, the British made Mackinaw their Northwestern headquarters, including Green Bay and Prairie du Chien among its dependencies.<sup>2</sup>

While Perrot, at the time of taking possession of the Upper Mississippi, and adjacent countries, in May, 1689, modestly claims in his report to have the local command of the "post of the Nadouesioux," or Sioux, he had also the management, as the *procès-verbal* itself shows, "*of the interests of commerce among all the Indian tribes and people*

tain whether the endorsement referred to, formed any part of Perrot's original minute. Mr. Brymner replies: "Respecting Perrot's *procès-verbal*, search has everywhere been made at Quebec; but, I regret to say, unsuccessfully, for the document in question. Search was made among the records of the Conseil Supérieur, in the Register's office, and among the acts of Dulaurent, deposited among the court records, all, however, to no purpose."

<sup>1</sup> This valuable work of Bougainville is given in a volume of *Memoires Relations et Inédits*, from the French Archives of the marine and colonies, by Pierre Margry, Paris, 1867. See also Dr. Neill's paper in *Minnesota Historical Collections*, v, p. 429; Mills's *Ontario Report*, 1877, p. 27.

<sup>2</sup> Judge Lockwood, *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ii, pp. 116, 117.