

## IMPORTANT WESTERN STATE PAPERS.

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The following important state papers, having an immediate bearing on the early history of the West, are selected for publication — in full or in part — in this volume, for the reason that much difficulty is ordinarily experienced by historical writers in finding them; few American reference libraries, indeed, have all of them. In the case of the first three French documents, the reader is referred to the pages of Margry's *Découvertes et Établissements des Français dans L'Amérique*, where careful reprints of the originals can be consulted; while the sources of the translations are also acknowledged. In all cases, the copy is cited which the present publication follows. Of most of the selected papers promulgated during the domination of the English and Americans, only such portions are here published as are of immediate interest to the West.

### I. FRENCH DOMINATION.

SAINT-LUSSON'S PROCÈS-VERBAL, JUNE 14, 1671.<sup>1</sup>

Simon François Daumont, Esquire, Sieur de S<sup>t</sup> Lusson, Commissioner subdelegate of my Lord the Intendant of New France, to search for the Copper mine in the countries of the Outaouacs, Nespercez, Illinois and other Indian Nations discovered and to be discovered in North America near Lake Superior or the Fresh Sea.

On the orders by us received on the third of September last from My lord the Intendant of New France, signed and paraphed TALON, and underneath By My lord VARNIER, with paraph, to proceed forthwith to the countries of the Outaouacs, Nespercez, Illinois and other nations discovered

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<sup>1</sup>Original in *Margry*, i., pp. 96-99; translation from *New York Colonial Docs.*, ix., pp. 803-4, with some errors of nomenclature corrected. — Ed.