

and to be discovered in North America near Lake Superior or the Fresh Sea, to make search and discovery there for all sorts of Mines particularly that of Copper; commanding us moreover, to take possession, in the King's name, of all the country inhabited and uninhabited wherever we should pass, planting in the first village at which we land, the Cross in order to produce there the fruits of Christianity, and the escutcheon (*éscu*) of France to confirm his Majesty's authority and the French dominion over it.

We having made, in virtue of our commission, our first landing at the village or hamlet of S^{te} Mary of the Falls, the place where the Reverend Jesuit fathers are making their mission and the Indian nations called Achipoés, Malamechs, Noquets and others do actually reside; we caused the greatest portion possible of the other neighboring Tribes to be assembled there, who attended to the number of fourteen Nations.

To wit; the Achipoés, the Malamechs and the Noquets, inhabiting the said place of S^{te} Mary of the Sault; and the Banabeouiks and Makomiteks; the Poulx teattemis, Oumalominis¹ Sassassaoua Cottons, inhabiting the bay called *des Puants*, and who have undertaken to make it known to their neighbors who are the Illinois, Mascouttins, Outtougamis and other Tribes; the Christinos, Assinipoals, Aumouscennites, Outaouois, Bouscouttons, Niscaks and Masquikoukioeks, all inhabitants of the Northern Country and near neighbors of the Sea, who undertook to tell and communicate it to their neighbors who are said to be very numerous, inhabiting even the sea coast; To whom in presence of the Reverend Fathers of the Company of JESUS and of all the French hereafter mentioned, we have caused to be read our said Commission and had it interpreted in their language by Sieur Nicolas Perrot, his Majesty's interpreter in that part, so that they may not be ignorant of it; afterwards causing a Cross to be prepared in order that the fruits of Christianity be produced there, and near it a Cedar pole to which we have affixed the arms of France, saying three times in a loud

¹Qu? Oumalominis, i.e., Menominies.—ED. N. Y. COL. DOCS.