

voice and with public outcry, that IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HIGH, MOST MIGHTY AND MOST REDOUBTABLE MONARCH LOUIS, THE XIVTH OF THE NAME, MOST CHRISTIAN KING OF FRANCE AND NAVARRE, we take possession of the said place of S^{te} Mary of the Falls as well as of Lakes Huron and Supérieur, the Island of Caientoton ¹ and of all other Countries, rivers, lakes and tributaries, contiguous and adjacent thereunto, as well discovered as to be discovered, which are bounded on the one side by the Northern and Western Seas and on the other side by the South Sea including all its length or breadth; Raising at each of the said three times a sod of earth whilst crying *Vive le Roy*, and making the whole of the assembly as well French as Indians repeat the same; declaring to the aforesaid Nations that henceforward as from this moment they were dependent on his Majesty, subject to be controlled by his laws and to follow his customs, promising them all protection and succor on his part against the incursion or invasion of their enemies, declaring unto all other Potentates, Princes and Sovereigns, States and Republics, to them and their subjects, that they cannot or ought not seize on, or settle in, any places in said Country, except with the good pleasure of his said most Christian Majesty and of him who will govern the Country in his behalf, on pain of incurring his hatred and the effects of his arms; and in order that no one plead cause of ignorance, we have attached to the back the Arms of France thus much of the present our Minute of the taking possession, Signed by us and the under named persons who were all present.

Done at S^{te} Mary of the Falls on the 14th June in the year of Grace 1671, in the presence of the Reverend fathers; the Reverend Father Claude Dablon, Superior of the missions in this Country, the Rev. Father Gabriel Dreuilletes, the Rev. Father Claude Allouéz, the Rev. Father André, all of the Company of Jesus; and of Sieur N^{as} Perrot, his Majesty's Interpreter in these parts; Sieur Jolliet, J^ues Mogras, an inhabitant of Three Rivers; Pierre Moreau, S^r de la

¹ Manitousalin.—IBID.