

Touppine, a Soldier belonging to the garrison of the Castle of Quebec, Denis Masse, F^{cois} de Chavigny, S^r de la Chevriotiere, J^{ques} Lagillier, Jeanne Maysere, N^{as} Dupuis, F^{cois} Bidaud, J^{ques} Joviel, P^{rer} Porteret, Robert Duprat, Vital Driol, Guillaume Bonhomme and other witnesses.

(Signed)

DAUMONT DE SAINT LUSSON,
with paraph.

LA SALLE'S PROCÈS-VERBAL, MARCH 14, 1682.¹

The Taking Possession of the Country Situated along the Ohio or St. Louis River, and the Mississippi or Colbert River.

Official report of this taking possession in the country of the Akansas.

13th and 14th March, 1682.

Jaques de la Métairie, notary of the seigniory of Fort Frontenac in New France, commissioned to exercise the said function during the journey which was undertaken to make the discovery of Louisiana by M. de la Salle, Governor of the said Fort Frontenac for the King, and commandant in the said discovery by virtue of his Majesty's commission of which M. de la Salle is the bearer, given at St. Germain-en-Laye on the 12th of May, 1678.

To all whom these presents shall come, greeting: Know that having been requested by the said Sieur de la Salle to deliver to him an act signed by us and the witnesses therein named, of that which took place on the occasion of his taking possession of the country of Louisiana at the village of Kapaha, one of those which belong to the nation of the Akansas assembled at the said village of Kapaha on the 14th of March, 1682.

In the name of the most high, mighty, invincible, and victorious Prince, Louis le Grand, fourteenth of that name, by the grace of God King of France and of Navarre, and of his heirs, successors, and inheritors of his crown, we, the aforesaid notary, have delivered the said act to the Sieur de la Salle, the tenor whereof follows:

¹ Original in *Margry*, ii, pp. 181-185; translated by Grace Clark.— Ed.