

the said Sieur de la Salle having required of us an instrument, we have delivered to him the same signed by us, and by the undersigned witnesses, this ninth day of April, one thousand six hundred and eight-two.

La Métairie, notary.

De La Salle; P. Zénobé, Recollect missionary; Henry de Tonty; François de Boisrondet; Jean Bourdon; sieur d'Autray; Jacques Cauchois; Pierre You; Gilles Meneret; Jean michel, surgeon; Jean Mas; Jean du Lignon; Nicolas de La Salle.

PERROT'S MINUTE OF TAKING POSSESSION, MAY 8, 1689.¹

Minute of the taking possession of the country on the Upper Mississippi.

Canada, Bay des Puants.

Record of the taking possession, in his Majesty's name, of the Bay des Puants,² of the lake and rivers of the Outagamis,³ and Maskoutins,⁴ of the river Siskonche,⁵ and that of the Missiscipi, the country of the Nadouesioux, the rivers S^{te} Croix and S^t Peter, and other places more remote. 8th May, 1689.

1689. N^o 6.

Nicholas Perrot, commanding for the King at the post of the Nadouesioux, commissioned by the Marquis de Denonville Governor and Lieutenant General of all New France, to manage the interests of Commerce among all the Indian tribes and peoples of the Bay des Puants, Nadouesioux, Mascoutins and other Western Nations of the Upper Mississippi and to take possession in the King's name, of all the places where he has heretofore been, and whither he will go.

We this day, the eighth of May one thousand six hundred and eighty⁶ do, in presence of the Reverend Father Marest

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² Green Bay.—Ed. *N. Y. COL. DOCS.*

³ Fox river.—IBID.

⁴ Lake Winnebago.—IBID.

⁵ Wisconsin.—IBID.

Sic.—IBID.