

Belts are to hang in the Cabin of the Dead and to remain there until this vengeance be consummated.”

It will be seen, by these answers, that the Governor was desirous of gaining time, in order to withdraw the Voyageurs and garrisons next year, without allowing the Indians to discover the King's intention not to send any more Frenchmen or goods to their country.—*N. Y. Colon. Docs.*, ix, pp. 671-675.

1697: LE SUEUR'S MINES ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

[Extract from a letter of Frontenac and Champigny (intendant of New France) to the French Minister, dated October 19, 1697. MS. in Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corres. gén., vol. 15, c. 11, fol. 39."]

Answering, Monseigneur, the letter in which you did me the honor to inform us of the proposition of one Le Sueur¹ to make an establishment on the Mississipy, we will tell you that discoveries have indeed been made there of lead mines, and of pieces of copper large enough to induce the belief that a mine of it can be found. But we do not consider that they can be of any use for this country, on account of the great distance and the almost insuperable difficulties of such journeys. Consequently we believe that, if regard were paid to his demand, the execution of his plans would be ruinous to him, if he were secured only the permission to deal in all kinds of peltries except beaver,

¹Pierre Charles le Sueur came to Canada when a young man, and soon became a fur trader. He was commandant at Chequamegon as early as 1693, and for several years thereafter. In that year Le Sueur erected two forts,—one on Madelaine Island, and another near the present Red Wing, Minn.,—in order to keep open the Bois Brulé and St. Croix trading route. Discovering lead mines on the upper Mississippi, he made strenuous but unsuccessful efforts to secure permission to work them. Returning from France in 1699, he went to Louisiana, and in the following year was sent by Iberville to search for copper mines in the Sioux country; finding some, he sent to France a quantity of blue and green earth taken from the mines. Little is known about his subsequent career; he died while on the ocean, probably before 1710.—Ed.