

giving the yells they usually give when they rush on their enemies. He replied in the same manner, and after posting all his men behind trees, he forbade them to fire till he gave the word. He remained on the water's edge to see what step they would take; and, perceiving that they put two men ashore, to observe from an eminence on the other side of the river the number of his people and his forces, he made his party march in and out of the wood continually, so that they should take them to be more numerous. This succeeded, for as soon as the two Indians came down the hill, the chiefs of the party came forward bearing the calumet, which is a signal of peace among the Indians. They said that having never seen the French sailing on the Mississippi in boats like the felucca, they had mistaken them for English, and had accordingly given the war-cry and ranged themselves on the other side of the river; but, seeing their mistake by our flag, they had come without fear to inform them that one of their people who was crazy had accidentally killed a Frenchman with a ball from a gun; and that they were going to bring his comrade, who would tell in what way the accident happened. They made this Frenchman, who was a Canadian named Denis, come: he stated that his comrade had been accidentally killed; his name was Laplace; he was a soldier who had deserted from Canada, and fled to this country. Mr. Le Sueur replied to these Indians that, Onontio (a name they give to all the governors of Canada) being their father and his, they should not seek their justification anywhere but before him; that he advised them to go and see him as soon as possible, to beg him to wash the blood of that Frenchman from their faces. This party was composed of 47 men of different nations, who live far to the east of the Mississippi, about the forty-fourth degree of latitude. Mr. Le Sueur knew the chiefs particularly; he told them that the king of whom they had so often heard in Canada, had sent to settle the mouth of the river, and he wished the nations dwelling on it, as well as those which are under his protection, to live generally in peace. He made that day three and three-quarters leagues.

On the 16th he left on the east of the Mississippi a great river, called St. Croix, because a Frenchman of that name was wrecked