

Soon after two Canadians, who had gone hunting, arrived; they had been robbed by the Scioux of the East, who had taken away their guns in revenge for Mr. Le Sueur's settling on Blue river. On the 14th, the fort was finished; the name of Fort L'Huillier was conferred upon it.<sup>1</sup>

On the 22nd two Canadians were sent out to invite the Ayavois and the Otoctatas to come and make a village near the fort, because these Indians are laborious and accustomed to cultivate the ground; and he hoped to obtain provisions from them and make them work the mines.

On the 24th arrived six Oujalespoitons Scioux; they wished to enter the fort, but they were prevented, and told that men who had killed Frenchmen could not be received; this is the term employed when they have offered any insult. The next day they came to Mr. Le Sueur's cabin to beg him to take pity on them. They wished to weep over his head, according to their custom, and to make him a present of some packages of beaver, which he refused; he said that he was astonished that men who had robbed him should have the temerity to come to him; to which they replied that they had indeed heard that the French had been plundered, but that none from their village had been present at this wicked act. Mr. Le Sueur told them that he knew that it was the Mendeouacantons who had killed him and not the Oujalespoitons. "But you are Scioux," he continued; "they were Scioux who robbed me, and if I followed your manner of acting I would break your heads; for is it not true that when any strangers" (so they call the Indians who are not Scioux) "have done any wrong to a Mendeouacanton, Oujalespoiton, or other Scioux, all the villages avenge it on the first whom they meet?" As they could make no reply to what he said to them, they resorted to tears, and repeatedly said to him according to their custom, "*Ouaechissou ouaepanimanabo!*" Thereupon Mr. Le Sueur told them to cease weeping; he added that the French were kind-hearted, and that he had come to their country only to have pity on them. At the same time, he made them a present, saying to them: "Carry back

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<sup>1</sup>In honor of Le Sueur's patron in France, mentioned at the beginning of this document.—ED.