

of the easy communication furnished by the Rivers that empty into the great river Mississippi.

Done and decreed by the Council of Marine, January 6, 1717.

L. A. DE BOURBON,
Maréchal d'estrées.

By the Council:

LA CHAPELLE.

1717: LOUVIGNY PACIFIES WESTERN TRIBES, AND RECALLS
COUREURS DE BOIS: POSTS ESTABLISHED.

[Extract from letter of Louvigny to Louis Alexandre de Bourbon, count de Toulouse; dated Oct. 1, 1717. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 36, c. 11, fol. 324.]

I take the liberty, Monseigneur, of giving an account to Your Serene Highness of the voyage which I have Just made, by order of Monsieur the Marquis de Vaudreuil, as a result of the one which I made last year, and in order to secure the Execution of the articles upon which we Had agreed with the Renards and their allies, in the presence of many different nations, in order to assure and confirm the peace between Them and us. They had put into my hands six persons, chiefs or Children of chiefs, by way of security for the treaty they had made—of which I left them a copy on a sheet of paper, to Serve as an authentic testimony of our agreements, and of the taking possession by us of a Territory conquered by the Arms of the King, which might subsequently be disputed by the English, always Jealous of the success of the French Arms.

The Death from small-pox of three of the principal hostages, who Had come down, of course caused some delay in the coming down of those Peoples to Carry out the Articles of the Treaty which they had made; and Monsieur our General, who is always well Informed as to the customs of the savages, took me with him early in March over the ice to Montreal, where I embarked in May to go to Missilimakinac, to learn the sentiments of the Renards. He gave me one of the three remain-