

my reports. That is what le Taillandier assures me, who came down with him; and when navigation opens, I shall learn the exact truth through Monsieur de St. Ange. I shall have the honor of Writing to you more at length by Lamér.

The savages press me very hard. We have no paper here, which prevents my making Copies. Mamentouenta and his band have just arrived, and here are Copies of the letters that I have received. My son has arrived from the Missouris, and has brought His Convoy safely and without accident to its destination.

Allow me to call myself with very profound respect, after asking the honor of your protection and seeking the same on all occasions, and to remain, Messieurs, Your very humble, obedient, And very submissive servant,

C. C. DUTISNE.

AT FORT DE CHARTRE this 14th January, 1725.

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1725: OPINIONS OF ILLINOIS MISSIONARIES REGARDING FOX WAR.

[Letters to Du Tisé from missionaries at Kaskaskia; dated Jan. 10, 1725. Source, same as that of preceding document, but fol. 267.]

MONSIEUR—I have the honor to Send you Herewith the Reply of the small number of savages who are here. He who Carries you the message is a chief of the Kaskacias named assakipité, who is highly Esteemed. He accompanies his message with a calumet, which he will present to le chat blanc to Thank him for his visit. The Message is Full of Respect and submission to your orders; and when all The other chiefs come, they will not disavow it. You ask us in particular, Monsieur, what are our Opinions. They will not be very different from the message of The illinois. I add to what he will say my private Opinion, which is also that of Monsieur Thomur, the Superior of the Kaskacias Missions. He will sign it with me, as you Deem it advisable, for neither of us fears having it made public, If you consider that expedient for the public weal; for we have no other views, and it Is perfectly in accord with That which we hold respecting The establishment of Religion and the Safety of the Country.