

He held the rank of Ensign, and had Charge of the Ship by the King's orders, owing to his thorough Knowledge of that coast.

1700 In the "Renommée" with Monsieur d'Iberville, sailing to the Mississippi. He held the rank of Ensign, and for five months he was in the river engaged in surveying it in obedience to Monsieur d'Iberville's orders.¹

1701 His Majesty gave him the Command of the "Enflamé" to sail to the Mississippi with Munitions.² The Cruise occupied 17 months.

1702 In the "Loire," Commanded by the Chevalier de Gabaret, on board of which he was second in command, sailing to Canada, to take Monsieur de Beauharnois,³ the intendant, there; and during the Voyage they captured an English Ship at night. He was dangerously wounded in the Shoulder, and was compelled to remain in Canada, as he was not cured when the Ship sailed.

1703 He returned in the "seine" commanded by Monsieur The Chevalier de Beauharnois doing duty as second Lieutenant during the Voyage.

1704 In the "seine" with Monsieur The Chevalier de Meaupou, sailing to Canada on board of which he was second Lieutenant. During the Voyage they met the Virginian fleet consisting of five war-ships which attacked us and after an Engagement lasting 17 hours, as our rigging was all shot away, and we had six feet of water in our Hold, we were captured and taken to England.⁴

1705 In the "Profond" with Monsieur Cauvet sailing to Acadia, on board of which he was second in command.

¹This was Iberville's second voyage to the Mississippi. He arrived at his colony at Biloxi, Dec. 12, 1699, and spent the next five months exploring the Mississippi River.—Ed.

²The "Enflamé" arrived at Biloxi colony with provisions, etc., the last of May, 1701.—Ed.

³Francois de Beauharnois, intendant of New France from September, 1702, to September, 1705.—Ed.

⁴The "Seine" was a store ship of 40 guns, and had on board 20 officers, 2,000 small arms, and much ammunition. The English colonists were rejoiced at its capture.—E4.