

From Logs Town to the Mouth of the River Oubasch is near 600 Miles from thence to Mississippi eighty leagues from thence to the Bay of Mexico thence [three] hundred & fifty Leagues.

1755: LANGLADE COMMISSIONED ENSIGN

[Commission to Charles Langlade, dated March 15, 1755. MS. in Archives Coloniales, Paris; pressmark, "Colonies, civil and military officers, série D, vol. 2, fol. 101½."]

From the King.

His Majesty, having chosen Sieur Langlade to serve as Ensign unattached with the troops maintained in Canada, orders the Governor, his Lieutenant-General of New France, to receive and acknowledge him in such capacity of Ensign unattached of all those to whom and as the same may appertain.⁹⁵

Given at VERSAILLES the 15th March, 1755.

was in danger, he hastily decamped during the night, and made the best of his way back to the Illinois. Receiving no news from Portneuf or Marin, and his men deserting in numbers, de Mazilières built a small post of pickets, cached his provisions, and returned to the Illinois, where he arrived Nov. 19. Portneuf arrived a few days later. This abortive expedition is related in a letter of Chevalier de Kerlérec, governor of Louisiana, and is printed in Marc de Villiers du Terrage, *Les Dernières Années de la Louisiane Française* (Paris, 1903), pp. 55-57.—Ed.

⁹⁵ This commission was found in a volume where a series of formula, or sample commissions, is given for reference—this one having happened to be chosen for that purpose. It authenticates the commission of lieutenant given Feb. 1, 1760, to the same officer, now on deposit in the library of the Wisconsin Historical Society (and published *post*), since it is drawn in precisely the same terms, rank and date only varying.—Ed.