

Fort La Reine is on the right bank of the river of the *Assiniboels* seventy leagues from Fort Bourbon. These regions are everywhere vast prairies; this is the route to take for the upper Missouri.

Fort Dauphin eighty leagues from the former, is situated on the river *Minanghenachequeké* or Troubled Water.³⁴

Fort Poskoia is on the river of that name at one hundred and eighty leagues from the preceding fort;³⁵ from this fort one may go in ten days to *Nelson* river. The fort des Prairies is eighty leagues from fort Poskoia at the source of the river of that name.³⁶

de la Rivière), built in 1734, see *ante*, p. 133, note 70. Fort Bourbon was built by the son of the explorer La Vérendrye in 1748, and at first was located at the mouth of Red Deer (La Biche) River, at the entrance of Lake Winnipegosis. Later (between 1748-55), there was built a second Fort Bourbon, whose ruins are yet visible on Cedar (or Bourbon) Lake, an enlargement of Saskatchewan River just above its entrance into Lake Winnipeg. For the location of these forts see L. A. Prud'homme, "Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, Sieur de la Vérendrye," and "Les Successeurs de la Vérendrye," in *Canada Roy. Soc. Proc.*, 2nd series, xi, xii.—Ed.

³⁴For Fort La Reine see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 427. Fort Dauphin was built in 1741 on the northeastern angle of Lake Dauphin.—Ed.

³⁵This post was built in 1748 by the Chevalier de la Vérendrye at the forks of the Saskatchewan. Later, it was abandoned, and Fort La Corne built (about 1754) a few miles farther east. The remains of both forts were to be seen in 1814; see "Franchère's Narrative" in *Early Western Travels*, vi, p. 375. After the erection of Fort La Corne, a third fort was built on the present site of Fort Cumberland, to which, apparently, was transferred the name Fort Poskoia. It would appear that Bougainville has reference to this latter fort, since it is from here that the route to Nelson River and Hudson Bay branched from the Saskatchewan. If Bougainville secured his information from La Corne de St. Luc, he would know of the latest arrangements at the Post of the Western Sea.—Ed.

³⁶Apparently this refers to the post usually spoken of as Fort Pasquia, begun by St. Luc on Carrot River, an affluent of the Saskatchewan. Sir Alexander Mackenzie found traces of this establishment when he passed through that country in 1785. If this identifi-