

News, that soon after the Fleet was seen, and that Quebec and Montreal would soon be taken, being no more than 500 men in Each, which news immediately spread among the Indians, who were there at the time in great numbers; that the Sauteurs, Ottawas, Renards and Puants gave a Good Deal of Credit to it having a few days before received a Belt from the Indians about Detroit to come to War against the English, but that the Soaks and the Folleavoines could not believe it; That at the Soaks Castle the Indians told him, the Deponant, the French there intended to kill him, on which they called a council and brought the French to it, and told them if they killed the Englishman every Frenchman should die with Him, this had been told him by the Indians to whom the French had discovered their intentions; the Names of the French on the above Voyage up the Wisconsin were, Martoc, Jordan & Labeau, Rivier, St. Pier, Mon. Fontasie, Havness, Lafortain, the three first discovering all the marks of bad subjects and disaffection to the English in their whole behaviour; That he hear'd St. Pier say that if he had wrote such a letter as the Interpreter wrote to Labeau, he wo'd expect to be hanged if ever he went among the English; That St. Pier, Rivier, and Fontasie⁷¹ did all they could to prevent the Indians from believing the letter above, that in the opening of the Mississippi River his Chief asked the Deponant if these Lands did belong to the English; he said they did, but La Beau immediately contradicted him and said it was a Lye, and that all was false that the English officers had told him, the Chief, in saying it was Peace between the English & French. There was no such thing, and repeated the contents of Goalie's Letter to the Indians, That when they had come down the Mississippi River about ten days the Indians told

⁷¹ A trader named St. Pierre was an early settler at Milwaukee; see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xi, pp. 210, 211; also tradition in *Parkman Club Papers* (Milwaukee 1896), i, p. 81, note.

Pierre and Julien la Rivière were early settlers of Prairie du Chien.

François Maurice de la Fantaisie was a native of Montreal, being married at Mackinac; see *Register*, *post.*—ED.