

barbarities. Early in August a Council was held, at which the tribesmen promised obedience; nevertheless they began leaving him in large numbers, and by August 6 scarcely one of the Western Indians was left.⁷⁸ Gautier returned to Mackinac in October, and probably Langlade accompanied him.]⁷⁹

1777: SPANISH DESCRIBE TRIBESMEN

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Summary of the Indian tribes of the Misuri River, who are accustomed to come to receive presents at this post, and the number of their warriors; the name of the principal chief of each tribe; the district where they are located; their distance and direction from this village; in what each one is occupied; the profit or harm that each has been in the past; and the enemies of each one.

Little Osages

The tribe of the Little Osages is composed, according to the information of those experienced men who generally make annual trading voyages to them, of three hundred and fifty or four hundred warriors. The name of the principal chief of this tribe is Balafre [the Scarred One]. Their location is one-half league from the shore of the Misuri River, distant some eighty-five leagues from this village. Their occupation has always been, and is, that of the hunt, whence proceeds the fur-trade that is carried on at this post. This tribe has always, as a general thing, been at war with the tribes located on the Misisipy.

⁷⁸Thomas Anburey, *Travels in North America* (London, 1791), i, pp. 315, 324, 327-330; see also *Wis. Hist. Co'ss.*, vii, pp. 167-172.—Ed.

⁷⁹*Id.*, xi, p. 100.—Ed.