

However, we have heard this year that they were about to make peace, although the truth of the statement has not yet been verified. And even should it be a fact, since this race is so extremely warlike, that for the consideration of a horse which one tribe steals from the others, they break peace entirely, nothing can be based on this particular, nor can any individual information be given in this matter. Their work or occupation is sufficiently profitable for the fur-trade. The only harm experienced from this tribe in these settlements is the theft of some horses from the habitants, but one can usually succeed quite easily in inducing them to restore these animals.

Misuris

This tribe is composed of two hundred warriors. The name of the principal chief of this tribe is Kaige, and their location is on the very shores of the Misury River, distant about eighty-six or eighty-seven leagues from this village. Their occupation has always been, and is, that of hunting; for although they generally plant some little maize every year, this does not suffice them even for their own support. This tribe is also at war with all the tribes of the Misisipy, and under the same circumstances as have been mentioned in regard to the Little Osages. The work of hunting in which they are occupied is sufficiently profitable for the trade of this post, as witnessed by the fact that they annually produce eighty or ninety packs of furs. The only harm experienced from the people of this tribe is the theft of a few horses from the habitants of this district, although not so frequently as is the case with the Little Osages; and the detaining of the traders who go up the river, for the sole purpose of getting from them some guns, powder, bullets, and other things.

Tribe of the Cances [Kansa]

This tribe is composed of three hundred and fifty warriors. The name of the principal chief of this tribe is El Comy.