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Sioux Tribe

We have been unable to learn the number of warriors of this tribe; for they are very numerous and are settled in distinct districts. The name of their principal chief is La Gran Mano [Big-hand]. They are located on the meadow-lands of the Misisipy in the Spanish district, about two hundred and thirty leagues from this village. Their occupation is that of hunting, but no profit results therefrom to this district, for the traders from the English district are entering by the Muen River into a district called Fuzch one hundred and fifty leagues from the Misisipy, in order to trade with them.

Tribes which Generally come from the English district to receive presents in this post.

Falco Abuene [Folles Avoines]

This tribe, according to our information thereof, is composed of two hundred warriors. The name of the principal chief of this tribe is Carron. They are located at a distance of three hundred and ten leagues from this village, and are separated by about eighty leagues from the Misisipy River by a river which takes its rise in a lake called Lake Superior, on which their chief residence is located.⁸⁵ This tribe shows itself to be

⁸⁵ Carron was a half-breed, son of a French trader of that name. He was not hereditary chief of the Menominee, but being a good orator acquired much influence, and was the leading headman. He was one of the Menominee who in 1763 refused Pontiac's solicitations, and remained faithful to the English. Several of his sons were chiefs, among the best known being Tomah, who was active in British interests during the War of 1812–15. The elder Carron died about 1780, at the village near the site of Fort Howard.

The location of the Folles Avoines was not clear to the mind of the Spanish author of this manuscript. He evidently thought that Wisconsin River rose in Lake Superior, and that the tribe resided on or near that river. Apparently he was unacquainted with the existence of Fox River.—Ed.