

a distance of about two leagues from the Misisipy on a small stream called La Roch [Rock River].⁸⁷ But little confidence can be placed in this tribe, for they are evil disposed, as has been always experienced also by the people of the other district as well as this, because of the thefts that they are wont to commit on the hunters whom they meet on the Misisipy, and other voyageurs.

The Mascuten Tribe

This tribe is composed of two hundred warriors. The name of the principal chief of this tribe is El Tander. They are located eighty leagues overland from this village, on a river called Aguas Bajas [Low Waters], distant from the Misisipy River by La Belle Rivière one hundred and twenty leagues, next to a village of the English, called Post Vensen [Vincennes].⁸⁸ We have never heard that this tribe has done any harm to this district. On the contrary, whenever any of them are wont to come to this village, we have experienced great affection in them and considerable quietness.

Quicapu [Kickapoo]

This tribe is composed of three hundred warriors. The name of the principal chief of this tribe is Pacana.⁸⁹ They are lo-

⁸⁷ The Winnebago (Puant), whose home when first known to the whites was in the vicinity of Green Bay, retreated to Rock River after the French expedition of 1728. The larger portion returned to their first habitat; but the Rock River band maintained a distinct position until after the Black Hawk War (1832). The Rock River Winnebago affiliated with the Americans under George Rogers Clark in 1778; see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xi, p. 113.—Ed.

⁸⁸ "Aguas Bajas" is apparently the old Spanish name for Wabash River. The tribe near Post Vincennes was the Piankashaw, not Mascoutin. The latter dwelt in the neighborhood of Ouiatanon.—Ed.

⁸⁹ Although the permanent villages of the Mascoutin and Kickapoo were near Fort Ouiatanon, on the Wabash, yet these tribes appear to have been much with the Piankashaw, near Vincennes, and under the influences of their great chief, Tobacco's son, who adhered to the Americans in the War of the Revolution, and was of much service