

1780: SCOUTING FROM MACKINAC.

[The letter of Capt. John Mompasson,¹⁶ printed in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, viii, ordering Langlade to go upon a scout, should be dated Aug. 27, 1780, not 1778.]

1780: SPANISH REPORT ENGLISH INTRIGUES

[Letters from Francisco Cruzat¹⁷ to Gov. Bernardo Galvez, dated Dec. 2 and 19, 1780. MS. in Archives of the Indies, Seville; press-mark, "Papeles procedientes de la Isla de Cuba."]

DEAR SIR—Such are the movements which the English show in this barbarous and inhuman war, in order that they might succeed in their attempts, that even in the Misury they had introduced two of their banners, which I have had surrendered to me by telling the tribes, who had received them, that in order to be our allies they ought not to have in their villages other ensigns than the Spanish. I send them to Your Lordship by Don Agustin Choteau,¹⁸ together with two others and thirteen

¹⁶ For sketch of this officer, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xi, p. 162.—ED.

¹⁷ Francisco Cruzat was of Spanish birth, and lieutenant-colonel in the Louisiana regiment. In 1775 he was appointed governor of Spanish Illinois. Superseded by De Leyba in 1778, he was sent back upon the latter's decease, and took over the government from Cartabona Sept. 24, 1780. He remained at this post until Nov. 27, 1787, an efficient and popular administrator.—ED.

¹⁸ Auguste Chouteau was born in New Orleans Sept. 26, 1750. At the age of thirteen he came with his mother to Illinois. Under his directions was built the first house on the site of St. Louis. Upon the death of his step-father Laclède, he assumed control of the latter's estate, and having successfully embarked in the fur-trade became prosperous and was long regarded as the first citizen of St. Louis. Upon the American advent (1804), Chouteau was appointed justice and colonel of militia. He organized in 1807 the first banking-house at St. Louis. In 1786 he married Marie Thérèse Cerré, and at his death (Feb. 24, 1829) left a large family and considerable estate.—ED.