

Official-report of the sixth leaden plate buried at the mouth of Rock River, the 31st of August, 1749.

“Year 1749, we Céloron, knight of the royal and military order of Saint-Louis, captain commanding a detachment sent by the orders of Monsieur the marquis de La Galissonière, commandant general of Canada upon the Beautiful River, otherwise called the Ohio, accompanied by the chief officers of the detachment, have buried on the point formed by the right bank of the Ohio and the left bank of Rock River, a leaden plate, and fastened to a tree the arms of the King, in witness whereof we have drawn up and signed with Messieurs the officers, the present official report.”

This done, I embarked. The shallowness of the water in the river caused me to be thirteen days ascending it.

The 12th the Miamis of the village of la Demoiselle, having learned that I had arrived near them, sent four chiefs to me with peace calumets for me to smoke. As I had half of my people on land, there not being enough water in the river to float loaded canoes, I was informed by Monsieur de Courtemanche,⁸⁶ officer of the detachment, of the arrival of these envoys. I disembarked at the place where they were, and when we had all sat down, they commenced their ceremony and presented to me the calumet; I accepted it. They carried it,

⁸⁶ François le Gardeur de Repentigny Crozille, Sieur de Courtemanche, was born in 1711, son of Charles, Sieur de Crozille and grandson of Jean Baptiste de Repentigny. He early entered the army, and receiving the estate of the elder Sieur de Courtemanche, who died without heirs, was thereafter known by that title. In 1743, he became first ensign, and was second in command at Detroit (1739-43). In 1748 he became lieutenant, and eight years later received his captaincy. That year (1756) he served with Montcalm at Oswego, and the two following years was active in the Lake Champlain region, commanding large detachments of Indians. During the siege of Quebec, he held an important post on Isle d'Orleans. After the surrender, Courtemanche retired to France, living as a pensionaire at Loches until about 1776. His widow, Marie-Louise St. Ours, was still living on the king's pension in 1784.—Ed.