

Mon Reverend Pere.

Pax i.

Ayant cette contrainte de demeurer a St. François tout l'ete, accorde le quelque inconvénient, ou ayant este querry le 8 nolt de Septembre. J'y attendris l'envie de nos genz au retour de la bale pour faireoir ce que je ferois pour mon hysernement, lesquels nous apparteront cet ordre pour nous regez a la mission de la conception des Illinois, ayant rebiffai aux habitants le V.R pour ces copies de mon iurament touchant la Riviere de mississipi, Je parstil avec Pierre Portier et jacque le 25 ott 1674 sur les midy le nolt nout contrainct de coucher a la sortie de la Riviere, ou les habitans s'assebloient et enirent negoient par monsieur qubz abell du coste des Illinois, de peu que la ierne ameliorat des robes eicoe les marchandises qu'il ont apportez de la bale, et chassent au coste ne voudr desendre le printemps qu'il recevront auoir plus de craindre les malades.

Lettre et Journal +
du fr^r Marquette.

Mon Reverend Pere
Le P. Claude Dablon
Superieur des Missions
de la Compagnie de Iehu
en la nouvelle France

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Pere Dablon foy^r de Marquette
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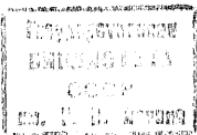


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This Volume is inscribed,

A S A M A R K O F P E R S O N A L R E G A R D,

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It has long been a desideratum to have in English the early narratives of the discovery and exploration of the Mississippi. Marquette's map and voyage have indeed appeared, but the narrative varies in no small degree from the authentic manuscript, and the map is not at all a copy of that still preserved, as it came from the hand of the great explorer. These published from original manuscripts, and accompanied by the narratives of the missionaries in La Salle's expedition, are now first presented in an accessible shape, and complete the annals of the exploration.

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Besides my own researches, I have been aided by those of the President of St. Mary's College, and of the Hon. James Viger, of Montreal, and I trust that the volume will be found to be as faithful as the subject is interesting.

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J. G. S.