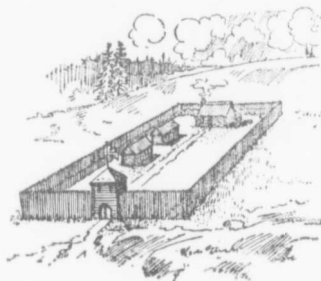




This condition of things could not be tolerated and so in 1750 a Canadian gentleman of distinguished parentage, Repen-tigny by name, was ordered to proceed to the St. Mary River and erect a fort at the foot of the Rapids.

At the very outset he met with treachery for the Chiefs, to whom he was not unknown, for he had visited the district in earlre years, were discovered by him to have in their possession a wampum or treaty belt given to them by the English which token they were secretly treas-uring; but finally securing pos-session of the contentious object

the Frenchman set about the preparation for the building of his fort.



It was the beginning of Fall when Repentigny arrived and although as early as October 10 the snow was a foot deep, he proceeded with the work of felling trees and making ready for the spring building.