

[87] Part Third.

Relation of the Missions to the Outouacs during the years 1670 and 1671.

EXPLANATION OF THE IDEA THAT SHOULD BE HELD
REGARDING ALL THE MISSIONS INCLUDED
UNDER THE NAME OUTAOUAC.

IT is well to afford a general view of all these Outouac territories, not only for the purpose of designating the places where the Faith has been proclaimed by the planting of Missions; but [88] also because the King, by very recently taking possession of them with a ceremony worthy of the eldest son of the Church, and of a Most Christian King, put all those tribes under the protection of the Cross before receiving them under his own, being unwilling to unfurl his standard before planting that of JESUS CHRIST,—as will be set forth in the account to be given of that act of taking possession.

By glancing, as one can, at the Map of the lakes, and of the territories on which are settled most of the tribes of these regions, one will gain more light upon all these Missions than by long descriptions that might be given of them.

The reader may first turn his eyes to the Mission of Sainte Marie du Sault, three leagues below the mouth of Lake superior. He will find it situated on