

The following record¹ has been preserved: "In the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-three, on the twenty-ninth day of October, at four and a half in the evening, at 'Riviere aux Bœuf,' called Saint Peter, Monsieur Pierre Paul, Esq., Sieur de Marin, chevalier of royal military order of Saint Louis, captain general, and in command of the army of Belle Riviere (Ohio), at the age of sixty-three years, after having received the sacraments of penance, extreme unction, and the viaticum. His remains were interred in the cemetery of said fort, and during the campaign of the Belle Riviere. There were present at his interment Monsieur Repentigny, commander of the above-mentioned army; Messieurs du Muy, lieutenant of infantry; Bonois, lieutenant of infantry; de Simblin, major of the above-mentioned fort; Laforce, guard of the magazine."

The register is signed by a priest of the Recollect Franciscans, chaplain of the fort Fr. Denys Baron.

Saint Pierre arrived at Montreal from the distant west on the seventh day of October, and on the third of November the Marquis du Quesne wrote to the Minister of war in France that he had sent the Sieur de Saint Pierre to succeed Marin in the command of the Army of the Ohio. He did not reach the stockade at French creek until the first week in December, and seven days after his arrival, came young George Washington with a letter from Governor Dinwiddie, of Virginia. After courteous treatment from Saint Pierre for several days he was sent back with the following note:

"Sir: As I have the honor to be here the commander-in-chief, M. Washington delivered to me the letter which you wrote to the commandant of the French troops. I should have been pleased that you had given him order, or that he had been disposed to go to Canada to see our General to whom it better belongs, than to me, to set forth the evidence of the incontestable rights of the King, my master, to the lands along the Ohio, and to refute the pretensions of the King of Great Britain thereto. I shall transmit your letter to M. the Marquis du Quesne. His reply will be law to me, and if he shall order me to communicate with you, you may be assured that I shall not fail to act promptly.

As to the summons you send me to retire, I do not think I am obliged to obey. Whatever may be your instructions, I am here by order of my general, and I beg you not to doubt for a moment but that I am determined to conform with the exactness and resolution

1. Lambing's *Fort Duquesne Registers*.