

late the intercourse with them has been dropped, as being too far removed from the *Mississippi* river on the banks of which the colony is settled.

*Chatots nation.*

After this our author gives a succinct history of the nations inhabiting the banks of the river *Mobile*, from its mouth upward. The *Chatots* consisting of about 40 hamlets, are nearest the sea; they profess themselves *Roman catholics*, and endeavour to shew the *French* every act of kindness in their power. The *French* colony of *Fort Louis* lies near them to the North.

*Thomex.*

*Tanjas.*

A little North of the fort are the *Thomex*, a small catholic nation, whose servile friendship often makes them troublesome. The *Tanjas* consisting of about 100 hamlets are a little more to the North. They are derived from the *Natchez*, and commit the care of the eternal fire to young men; being strongly persuaded that women would never sacrifice their liberty to it. But more of this hereafter. Near the bay is found the *Mowill* nation, called by the *French* *Mobile*, whose name is also given to the river and bay. The *French* on their arrival here found all the small nations at peace, in which they still continue, being covered on the East by other nations, which stand as bulwarks between them and the *Iroquois*. The *Chickasaws* regard these nations as brethren, because they speak the same tongue, which is the language of those bordering on the East of the *Mobile*.

*Pacha-ogloas nation.*

The *Pacha-ogloas*, or the nation of bread, consisting of about 30 hamlets, lies West of the *Mobile*, near a bay bearing the same name. Among them are mixed some *Canadians*, who live with them as brethren. For as they are naturally of an easy temper, and well acquainted with the characters of the different people, they know how to deport themselves amicably among any of the *Indian* nations.

Languages.

The *Tanjas* have preserved among them their native tongue, which is that of the *Natchez*, but they speak a corrupted *Chickasaws*, called by the *French*, the *Nidshan* language. The *Chat-kaws*, who, in comparison of the *Chickasaws*, are more moderns, preserve also their own tongue intermixed with some *Chickasaw* words; and our author discoursed with them in the latter tongue. These people are dependant on Great Britain.

*Aquela Pissat nation.*

There is a small nation within a league of *New Orleans*, and North of the lake, with which the *French* have no great communication; they speak a sort of *Chickasaws*, and have about twenty hamlets, or rather huts. They are called *Aquela pissat*, which signifies a nation that can both hear and see; the *French* call them *Colapissas*.

*Oumax.*

On the East coast of the *Mississippi* river lies the *Oumax*, or red nation. Some *French* who were at first fixed here, did them great prejudice, by allowing them an immoderate use of strong waters. *New Orleans* is about 20 leagues distant.

*Tonicas.*

The *Tonicas* a fragment of a nation always upon good terms with the *French*, are situated up along the river *Mississippi*, opposite the Red River. They used to assist the *French* in their wars, and their chief was strongly attached to their interest, which being properly represented at *Versailles*, the king, by brevet, appointed him brigadier of his armies, and sent him a gold headed cane, and a blue ribbon, to which was hung a silver medal representing his marriage. And the reverse was a view of *Paris*. Of these signal marks of friendship the *Indian* was very ostentatious. The *Tonicas* differ in some particulars, and a little in their language from the neighbouring nations: as for instance, in using the letter *R*, to which the others are strangers. Their chief abovementioned was wounded in assisting against the *Natchez*, who were formerly one of the most respectable of all these nations, both with respect to their customs and behaviour.

*Natchez.*

In 1720 the *Natchez*, were settled on and about a small river, to which they gave name. They had among them two nations, who had implored, and obtained their protection; one of these the *French* call *Grigras*, from their frequent uttering these two syllables. But this name will hardly appear consistent with our author's observation, that those people were easily distinguished by strangers among the *Natchez*, as being incapable of pronouncing the letter *R*. Their language is nearly the same with that of the *Chickasaws*. The other nation settled among the *Natchez* is the remainder of the *Thious*, a people once very formidable, warlike, and restless, by which means they drew upon themselves the indignation of the *Chickasaws*, whom they resisted with desperate obstinacy, and never gave way till they were no longer able to oppose the arms of their enemies.

*Grigras.*

*Thious.*

These three informs us, that *America*, and *Manchare*, who exceed the vast people to sacrifice women voluntarily a happy of their prince thirst, heat, to crown all, branches of the from the main their people from whom we have regarded as brethren.

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The *Chickasaws* about 60

North of the give name to one of which, ments possessed French interest of Louisiana, other American and approved.

The *Renard* been in peace beyond these, sides of the *Mississippi*, the *Chickasaws*, and *Onondaga* river *Mississippi*.

In this neighbourhood people in alliance and remote those European of this different river. His sides. This nation in consequence of the time presented.

Along the river are supposed to be the author says that they correspond to the *peasants*.

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