

Relation of HENRI DE TONTY.

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rich; at the Ccroa village, Indian corn comes to maturity in forty days.

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Fortunately I found at the lakeside an Outagamie, who sold me his canoe. Finding no one at the river of the Miamis, I made my way to Michilimakinak,* which I reached on the 22nd of July. M. de La Salle, recovering from his illness, which had lasted forty days, sent me orders to await him, and, being arrived at Michilimakinak, decided to return to France in order to give an account at Court of his discovery. He sent me back to build a fort at the portage of the Illinois River, for the purpose of protecting the village of the Shawanoes, whom he had drawn to him and had joined with the Miamis. Being arrived, I found that the Shawanoes had gone hunting and that the Miamis were preparing for flight, as they had been told that the Iroquois were coming to devour them. I found that all our people were dispersed; and, as I had few men, I resolved to pass the winter on the Illinois River, hoping to be able to collect my men in the spring. Meanwhile, as M. de La Salle found himself unwell, he resolved not to return to France, but to send his dispatches by the Reverend Father Zenoble.

Tonty returns to the Illinois to build a fort.

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*Previously spelled "Missilimakinak," *passim*.—
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