

of November they reached a village of "Gens de la Belle Riviere," and three days later found the Ares.

From this point they journeyed generally in a southwesterly course, but sometimes moved northwesterly. On the first of January, 1743, the first view of the mountains was obtained. Under the guidance of an Arc chief they marched, and on the twelfth day halted among the mountains, as the Ares were unwilling to proceed further owing to the hostility of the Snake Indians.

Coquard, a priest who had been associated with Verendrye, mentions that his sons found falls of water, probably the Yellowstone Falls, and that thirty leagues beyond (au-dessus), they found a narrow pass; also between the mountains and the Missouri (Yellowstone tributary?) there is the outlet of a lake.

Bougainville wrote that southwest of the river Wabick or La Coquile, on the banks of La Graisse river are the Hactanes, or Snake tribe who stretch to the base of a chain of mountains which has a northeasterly trend and that south of this is the Karoskiou river or Cerise Peleé, which flows toward California.

An examination of any good modern map will show that the head waters of Green river, a branch of the Colorado which empties into the Gulf of California, rise near Fremont's Peak. Some of the Snake Indians in Texas are still called Hictans.

Returning from the Rocky Mountains, the Verendrye brothers on the ninth of February, 1743, came to the first of the Arc villages, and on the fifteenth of March they met some of the Petite Cerise tribe, and on the nineteenth arrived at their post on the banks of the Missouri. Upon an eminence in the vicinity they placed a lead plate with the arms of the king of France, and over it stones in the form of a pyramid in honor of the governor of Canada. Pursuing a course generally to the northeast, they reached the Mandan country on the eighteenth of May, and on the twenty-seventh passed the Butte in the Assiniboine region. To the joy of their father, the sons reached Fort la Reine on the second of July.