

French king in the Illinois, as per the following heading in his handwriting: —

“ Statement of the deeds, contracts and other papers executed before Joseph Labusciere, former attorney of the king, and notary public under the French government in the Illinois, from April 21, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six, to the 20th May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy.”

On which day they were placed, with the government of Upper Louisiana, into the possession of Capt. Pedro Piernas, the newly appointed Lieutenant-Governor of his Catholic Majesty, the King of Spain.

After this, each successive Lieutenant-Governor, in turning over the country to his successor in office, accompanied it with a similar statement, from which the table has been compiled.

A table showing the total number of documents executed in the presence of the different governors, as detailed in their respective catalogues of the archives: —

By Gov. St. Ange, from Jany. 21, 1766, to May 20, 1770.....	197
“ “ Piernas, “ May 20, 1770, “ May 19, 1775.....	387
“ “ Cruzat, “ May 20, 1775, “ June 17, 1778.....	209
“ “ De Leyba, “ June 18, 1778, “ June 28, 1780.....	176
“ “ Cruzat, “ Sept. 24, 1780, “ Nov. 25, 1787.....	454
“ “ Perez, “ Nov. 25, 1787, “ July 24, 1792.....	304
“ “ Trudeau, “ July 21, 1792, “ Aug. 28, 1799.....	471
“ “ De Lassus, “ Aug. 29, 1799, “ Mar. 9, 1804.....	585
“ “ Stoddard, “ Mar. 10, 1804, “ Sept. 30, 1804.....	75
Also four small books of Gov. Trudeau, each 33-45, 31 & 27... ..	136
Total.....	2,985