

We have been long ago told by *F. Charlevoix*, from whence it is, that many people have formed a contemptible opinion of this country, that lies on and about the *Mississipi*. They are misled, says he, by the relations of some seafaring people, and others, who are no manner of judges of such things, and have never seen any part of the country but the coast side, about *Mobile*, and the mouths of the *Mississipi*; which our author here tells us is as dismal to appearance, the only thing those people are capable of judging of, as the interior parts of the country, which they never saw, are delightful, fruitful, and inviting. They tell us, besides, that the country is unhealthful; because there happens to be a marsh at the mouth of the *Mississipi*, (and what river is there without one?) which they imagine must be unhealthful, rather than that they know it to be so; not considering, that all the coast both of *North* and *South America* is the same; and not knowing, that the whole continent, above this single part on the coast, is the most likely, from its situation, and has been found by all the experience that has been had of it, to be the most healthy part of all *North America* in the same climates, as will abundantly appear from the following and all other accounts.