

met of Peace, they did not presume to stop us by Force,

We pass'd by the Nations of *Taensa* and *Coroa*, by both which we were kindly receiv'd, and on the 24th came to the Nation of *Quiniquissa*. The next Day we came to a Point, where the *Mississipi* divides it self into three Channels, we took the middle one which is very broad and deep. The Water began there to tast Brackish, but four Leagues lower was as Salt as the Sea. We rowed about four Leagues further, and discover'd the Sea. The Mouth of the River is very deep, without being interrupted with any Sands, so that great Ships may go up as far as the *Illinois* River, which is two Hundred Leagues; its Course from it's Source to the Sea, may be eight Hundred Leagues, including Windings and Turnings, it falls into the Gulph of *Mexico*, between 27 and 28 Deg. of Latitude; its Mouth may be about thirty Leagues from *Rio Bravo*, sixty from *Palmas*, and eighty, or a hundred from *Rio Paunco*, the nearest Habitation of the *Spaniards*.

My two Men were very glad of this Discovery, but on the other hand, they express'd a great deal of dissatisfaction, to have been at such Trouble without making any Profit, having found no Furs to exchange for their Commodities. They were also much afraid of the *Spaniards* of *New Mexico*, and were perpetually telling me, That if they were taken, the *Spaniards* wou'd never spare their Lives, or at