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DISCOVERY OF THE RIVER MISSISSIPPI

AND THE

ADJACENT COUNTRY.

[The following Account was first published in France, near the close of the seventeenth century. It was soon after translated into English, and republished in London. The work being out of print, it is here introduced as a preliminary article to more recent discoveries in that interesting territory.]



A new Discovery of a large Country in the Northern America, extending above four thousand miles. By Father LEWIS HENNEPIN.

A VOYAGE TO NORTH AMERICA.

FINDING in myself a strong inclination to retire from the world, I entered into the Franciscan order, where I was overjoyed in reading the travels of the fathers of my own order, who were indeed the first that undertook missions into any foreign country. I thought nothing greater or more glorious than to instruct the ignorant and barbarous, and lead them to the light of the gospel. In order to