

Salle descended the Ohio. This view is supported by a map which we have recently inspected in the collection of Mr. S. L. M. Barlow. This appears to be the original Joliet map. It is a large map, twenty-seven by forty inches, and has the rivers tinted blue. The mouth of the Ohio is indicated by a blue opening, and the river itself is drawn with a pen by an unskilful hand, extending it across a colored scale of miles into what represents the present region of western New York. Dr. John Gilmary Shea and General John S. Clark, of Auburn, inform us that they hold this to be the original Joliet map, and, further, that it disposes of the notion based upon copies of the map, used to demonstrate that La Salle descended the Ohio. One of these copies is in the possession of Mr. Barlow, but it does not show the Ohio properly as an addition by a later hand, but makes the river appear, falsely, like a part of Joliet's original sketch. The map which we lay before the reader is very valuable, and supports the view based upon Mr. Barlow's map, which, like all his material, he is ever ready, most courteously, to place at the use of scholars. Mr. Barlow has another large and beautiful map of about the same date, which shows, by putting the Bay of the Holy Spirit at the mouth of the "Buada," that the French recognized the Spanish River of the Holy Spirit as the Mississippi.

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A SECTION OF JOUTEL'S MAP. 1713.