

cabulary, other pages with a detail of distances from Fort Pitt to Pensacola, by the way of Muskingum, falls of Ohio, mouth of Ohio, Natchez, New Orleans, making two thousand, five hundred and forty miles.

It may not be without use to record the customary articles of trade at Chartres in the old time—certainly amusing when compared with those of our day at the same locality. We read of “four raccoons equal to two foxes or two cats,” dressed buckskin, dressed does, otter, bear skin, fisher, minks, beaver. Peltry, to deal with the French, consisted of beaver, dressed leather, otter, red or short hair buckskins, muskrats, wolves, panthers, martins, fishers, minks. In the liquid line we find shrub, West India and New England rum.

Not that the people of that remote region were, any more than their opulent descendants, strangers to luxuries, even exotic ones, in their living and commerce. They had their olives, capers, mushrooms, Rhenish wines. The blending of the elegant with the essential, in the nascent civilization, might be thought symbolized in the miscellany of Mr. Clarkson’s saddle bags at Pittsburgh, the inventory of which began with ruffled shirts, silk stockings, kid gloves, and ended with gimlet, pliers, pruning knife, screw driver, tinder-box, pistol.