

NEWS FROM MEXICO.

Joseph Philibert an industrious inhabitant of St. Louis, arrived here on Sunday last from the Spanish villages, near St. a Fe. He left this place on the 3d April 1814, with a barge and eighteen men, to trade with the Arapahah nation of Indians, who reside on the heads of the Arkansas, Platte and Otter rivers, and had fixed his hunting camp about four leagues north of the place where Captain Pike was taken by the Spaniards. He had despatched on the 15th September two of his men in search of beaver dams, who the day after fell in with 40 Spaniards catching wild horses; they were taken prisoners to the next village, & from thence to St. a Fe, and after examination by the commandant of that place, 250 men were sent to Philibert's camp where he and his men were made prisoners of and was conducted to his trading camp on the Arkansas, where the Spaniards made him shew where his merchandize & beaver was deposited, which they took possession of and conveyed it as well as himself and all his men to St. a Fe. On his arrival he was well treated and had the liberty of the town. After fifty days detention he was remanded to the frontier village, on the road to their former hunting camp. During this period the Governor wrote to the Commanding General at Durango for instructions, & he was finally ordered to pay the expense of his capture and subsistence during his captivity, and he had to relinquish his merchandize to meet the demand; after which he was liberated. Upon the whole affair it was a ruinous business.

On his leaving St. a Fe, he was informed he must be conveyed to the American territory, but owing to the inclemency of the weather he was suffered to remain at the little village of Taos, on the Rio del Nord, until the spring, (last February) from whence he made the best of his way to this place with his broken fortune.

While he remained at St. a Fe he heard from a certain Mr. Villanueva that there were eight Americans and six American Frenchmen, that were liberated from prison at Chiguagua and had the liberty of the town. Philibert asked Villanueva the names of those people, and was informed that one of them who spoke French was of the name of Chambers. At the period when King Ferdinand mounted the throne, they had liberty to go where they pleased, and had set out to the United States, by way of St. Antonio. Mr. F. says that these 8 Americans and six American Frenchmen, were Messrs M'Night and Beard's party and Mr. Manuel Lisa's men, captured some time ago, Mr. Lisa's men, Lafargue, Vesina, Grenie, and Roi entered St. a Fe as prisoners two days after Messrs M'Night, Beard, Baum, M'Donough, &c. &c. It appears they are all well & be may expected soon. The royalists were in much consternation in consequence of the recent successes of the independent party. The seat of government was removed from Chiguagua to Durango in consequence of the treason of the Vice Roy, and when Mr. F. was about to depart, the royal Spanish commandant informed him that the rebels were within two days march of Durango; that they were very brave, only firing one round when they charged with sword and bayonet. That the French general Humbert and Doctor Robinson was in command in the army of the independents.