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possession – to have,
ownership

adjacent – next to

extent – area, boundary

I ...do now take, in the name of His Majesty [the king of France] possession of the country of Louisiana, the seas, harbours, ports, bays, adjacent straits, and all the nations, peoples, provinces, cities, towns, villages, mines, minerals, fisheries, streams and rivers, within the extent of the said Louisiana.”

Speech by Robert de La Salle

April 9, 1682
