

Mission of the Hurons at Detroit, 1733-56.

CONTRACT WITH JEAN CECILE, TOOLMAKER.

ON the 16th of july, 1733, Father La Richardie, Missionary of The Society of jesus, and jean Cecile entered into The following covenant:

1st. The said cecile, Toolmaker and armorer, binds himself to work constantly and assiduously at The forge of the said Reverend father at detroit, in The huron village, for all The needs of the french and of the savages, in all matters connected with his trade.

2nd. The Reverend father will supply The tools and the steel; if any deficiency of tools shall occur, The said cecile shall make Them, and they shall remain in The forge when he leaves it.

3rd. The said Cecile shall not do any work to be sold on his private account under the pretext that he has iron or steel of his own; but if he earn or purchase any at detroit, and The forge lack the same, The Reverend father may buy The steel; as regards the iron, it shall be purchased on joint account for The said Reverend Father and The said Cecile.

4th. The said Reverend Father will give the assistance of his servant, when he has one, to The said Cecile, for chopping wood and building his charcoal furnaces; but when these are once erected, The said cecile shall attend to Them alone.

5th. The said cecile shall perform gratuitously, and in good season, The work that may be needed by The Reverend Father, either for Himself or for