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The original MS. of this document, almost wholly in the handwriting of Pierre Potier, Jesuit missionary at Detroit, is now in the possession of Theodore Parsons Hall, of that city; he purchased it in 1892 from Richard R. Elliott, also of Detroit, who had it in his possession for over thirty years. In 1891 Mr. Elliott published in the Detroit *Sunday News* an extended account of the MS., following this with a free translation thereof and numerous helpful notes. In the *Sunday News* for February 18, 1899, Mr. Elliott gave a "supplementary chapter," chiefly devoted to Potier's connection with the Pontiac conspiracy. In the present publication, we closely follow the MS., kindly loaned to us for the purpose by Mr. Hall, and give our own translation. The order of presentation, however, differs from that in the MS. itself. After filling the body of his account-book, Potier returned to the fly-leaves and blank spaces for the insertion of later memoranda; these we have arranged in chronological order. Several blank pages left by Potier were, from 1789 to 1791, used by later priests for the entry of baptismal records; we have omitted these, as having no connection with the Jesuit mission. In our annotations, we have occasionally drawn upon Mr. Elliott's notes, which are of great value for the local history of Detroit.

Owing to the length of the document, less than one-half is presented in this volume; the remainder will appear in Vol. LXX.