

of the said vendor that the said purchaser may be invested with full powers thereof of ownership and seizin and be placed in good and peaceable possession of the same; substituting the bearer hereof for his true and lawful attorney, in giving him full power and authority for that purpose.

The said vendor reserves for himself four arpents from the depth of the said land, beginning above the meadow, for the space of two years, to sow such grain as he shall consider necessary for his own use, it being expressly agreed that in case of his absence he may not assign this right to any other person, nor may he exercise the right himself after the expiration of the two years as calculated from the present until after the time of harvest. He also assumes a *pro rata* share of the customary charges and services due upon the said land.

For thus and so &c., promising, obliging, renouncing, &c., duly executed at Detroit, in the office of the said notary, on the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and both parties having said that they cannot write, they have made their accustomed marks, after hearing these presents read, and the witnesses have signed with us.

In case the said purchaser sells the said land he promises to give the said vendor the preference for the same.

J. Bondy,⁶ Witness

BENJAMIN ^{his} × CHAPUT
mark

Tho⁸ Cox,⁷

T. Williams, Notary

6 For the Bondy line see *ante*, 36. Joseph Bondy, signer of the present document, was the eldest son of Joseph Bondy and Mary Ann Cecilia Campau there noted. He was born in 1733 and on Aug. 7, 1758, married Mary Joseph Gamelin of Detroit, daughter of Laurence Eustache Gamelin and Mary Joseph Dudevoir *dit* Bonvouloir *dit* Lachine. They had several children. Joseph Bondy was a trader and lived on St. Joseph Street. He was buried at Detroit, Nov. 18, 1802; Mary Joseph Gamelin was buried at Sandwich, Nov. 27, 1797. Denissen, *op. cit.*

7 Thomas Cox was at Detroit as early as 1772. In 1780 Thomas and his wife, Margaret, obtained adjoining grants of land of 6,400 and 8,000 acres respectively,