

abouts; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Negro Man named Josiah Cutten unto the said David Rankin, his Executors Administrators and assigns, during the Term of his Natural life; And I the said John Turner for myself my Heirs, Executors and Administrators unto the said David Rankin his Heirs and Assigns against all person and persons shall and will Warrant and defend the said Negro Man Josiah Cutten by these presents; IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Montreal afore-said, this twenty Ninth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty five.

Sealed and Delivered

John Turner (L.S.)

in presence of

W^m Murray

In praemissorum Fidem

J. G. Beek

(L.S.personalis) Not^s Pub^s

Signed by David Rankin in presence of David Rankin
James Ellice

BILL OF SALE OF JOSIAH CUTTEN

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that We, William St Clair & C^o of Detroit Merchants for and in Consideration of the sum of One hundred and Twenty Pounds New York Currency payable on or before the first day of May next in Indian Corn & Flour by Thomas Duggan³ of said place have bargained, Sold and Delivered, and do hereby Bargain, sell and Deliver unto the said Thomas Duggan a Negroe Man Named Josiah Cutten Aged Twenty four Years or thereabouts, To have and to hold the said Negroe Man Josiah Cutten unto the said Thomas Duggan his Executors, Ad-

³ Thomas Duggan was long an officer of the British Indian Department in the Northwest—during his later years in the capacity of Indian storekeeper at St. Joseph Island, where he died, December 17, 1803. Prior to this time there had been much complaint over the conduct of his office, and by him of ill health and of hard treatment by the government. In a letter of May, 1801, he stated that he had been "at least thirty years in Government Service" and the lowest employment he had had was that of assistant to the barrack-master at Quebec in 1766. Duggan was for some time connected with the Indian Department at Detroit, and many letters of and references to him are in the *Mich. Pio. Colls.*