

ministrators and Assigns during the term of his Natural Life; and We the said William S^t Clair & C^o for ourselves Heirs Executors and Administrators unto the said Thomas Duggan his Heirs and Assigns against all person and persons shall and will warrant and defend the said Negroe Man Josiah Cutten by these presents: In Witness Whereof We have hereunto set our hand & Seal at Detroit aforesaid this Thirteenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Seven.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered William S^tClair & C^o (L.S.)
 in the Presence of Thomas Duggan
 James Douglas
 John Urquhart

[Marginal note] N.B. the above alterations (insertion of "& C^o" and use of third person plural for first person singular) were made by me before Signed by me. W S^tClair.

Appended: I hereby transfer all my right and title to the above said Negroe and to this act for and in consideration of a Farm at the River Tranch [Thames] of Nine acres in front more or less with the Titles thereto to me now delivered, this 28th March 1791.

Thomas Duggan

Endorsed:

Bill of Sale given by Elijah Cooper Boston-State with Josiah the Negro Feb. 18, 1785—Consideration 130 Dol^s & the Gray Horse. Elijah Cooper gave J. Turner Thirty one Dollars to be paid to the Negro occasionally, which was paid to him this day 6th April 1785.

Beek

[The last clause only of this endorsement, and the date, are in the handwriting of the notary, J. G. Beek.]

Filed in my office by Thomas Duggan at L'assomption this 22nd day of March 1790.

T Smith Clk P.⁴

⁴ Thomas Smith was a native of Wales and a man of varied attainments. He served on the British side in the Revolution and either he or another person of the same name is listed as an inhabitant of Detroit in the census of 1779. He was a surveyor