

be held to have the said concession immediately measured and bounded in its whole width and length at his own cost, and to execute the clauses mentioned in this title deed, and to take out a patent of confirmation from His Majesty within two years; the whole on pain of nullity of these presents.

Done at Quebec, May 1, 1747.

(Signed) BEAUHARNOIS
(L. S.)

(Signed) HOCQUART
(L. S.)

By command of his Lordship
(Signed) BENARD

By command of his Lordship
(Signed) DESCHESNEAUX

WE, COMMANDANT for the King at Detroit:

On the petition presented to us by Jacques Pilet,⁷ proprietor of the tract of land above conceded by title and otherwise, to grant to him a continuation of forty arpents in depth at the rear of the said tract, by virtue of the power intrusted to us by the [Marquis de Vaudreuil,⁸ Governor and Lieutenant] General, do give and grant unto the said Pilet the said continuation of two arpents in breadth by forty in depth, corresponding in alignment, quit rents, mutation fines, rights and conditions with the above mentioned contract, the first payment whereof shall become due on the eleventh of November, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine. Moreover, between the former concession and the said continuation there shall be allowed a space of at least 36 feet in width for a public road for such inhabitants as shall receive continuations.

Done at Detroit, March 15, 1759.

(Signed) Picoté de Bellestre⁹

⁷ No record of Jacques Pilet's career has been found. Presumably he is the individual who, according to Lieut. George McDougall, lived on Belle Isle for several years prior to the British conquest, and who is also reported to have been a particular friend of Pontiac. See *Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society Collections*, VIII, 356 and X, 240.

⁸ Pierre François Rigault, Marquis de Vaudreuil, was born in Canada in 1698, the son of a former governor of Canada of the same name. He entered the army and attained the rank of major. In 1733 he was governor of Three Rivers, and from 1743-53, of Louisiana. In the spring of 1753 he left Louisiana for France, and there, on Jan. 1, 1755, was commissioned governor of Canada. He continued in this office until the English conquest of Canada. He died at Quebec in 1793. See sketch in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, XVII, 31 and XVIII, 150.

⁹ François Marie Picoté, Sieur de Bellestre, was the last French commandant at Detroit. He was born in Montreal in 1719 and there married and reared his family.