

Done in the presence of Chi gin ebé [Totem and Seal]
 Tho^s Smith Domini quinze [Totem and Seal]
 B^t Sans Crainte Wa be sin qua [Totem and Seal]
 Ale^x Maisonville Jun^r 64

Endorsed: Lands given by the Chippawas on the R-S^t Clare to Rich^d Cornwall in the year 1780 and now the same gift renewed by the young Chiefs, 1789.

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DIVISION OF DEBTS OF THE MIAMIS COMPANY⁶⁵

At a meeting of the Members of the Miamis Company held this day at the Store of John Askin, respecting a final division of the debts due to them it was agreed upon by all parties as follows; Viz^t

John Askin for his proportion of divided debts, agreed to accept of whatever might be due to the said Company by Dagneaux Dequindre,⁶⁶ Baptist Reaume, and Charles

⁶⁴ The Detroit Maisonvilles were descended from Robert Rivard *dit* Loranger, born in France in 1638, who in 1664 married in Canada Magdelene Guillet, a native of Three Rivers. They lived, and are buried, at Batiscan. Their children went by various names—Feuilleverte, Montendre, and Rivard. The tenth (and youngest), René Alexis Rivard *dit* Loranger, born at Batiscan, Oct. 27, 1691, was the father of Alexis Loranger *dit* Maisonville and Joseph Loranger *dit* Maisonville. Both sons were born at Batiscan and both came to Detroit. James Sterling's letter book discloses that one of them (probably Alexis) in February, 1765, had just returned from a mission to the Indians of the Illinois, and Sterling describes him as "a very sensible fellow," well acquainted with the country and with the several Indian tribes. Letter to John Duncan, Feb. 26, 1765. Alexis Maisonville was twice married, and had several sons, one of whom may have been the signer of this document. We infer that Alexis Maisonville of Detroit is identical with the individual of the same name who assisted Governor Hamilton with information concerning the country between Detroit and Vincennes in 1778. A brother, François, was a resident of Miamitown prior to the Revolution. He was captured by George Rogers Clark, who was about to put him to death when the plea of Alexis caused him to desist. He was sent with Hamilton to prison in Williamsburg, Virginia, where he committed suicide. Genealogical data adapted from Denissen, *op. cit.*

⁶⁵ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

⁶⁶ For the Dequindre family see *ante*, 205-206. The individual here alluded to was probably Antoine Dequindre.