

astray in it) lower than where Duarrier & me cross'd it before to come to Sans Craints the Water Mid Waist deep & took a Road more to the North & n[e]arer the River & arrived at Sans Craints about Mid Day the course the same East South East & by the assistance of Mr Godfroy¹¹ (who seemed very obliging but the others very little disposed to serve me) engaged an Indian with two Horses to go with me in the Morning indeed we were even to the Cabins where they were drinking to engage him for Seven Beavers sleep'd at Sans Craints & engaged Corn & C. from them to take with me Godfroy having no provisions to spare being new come

Friday Ap^l 16th 1790 Rose at Daybreak & with Mr Godfroy went to find the Indian that he might not drink, found he had been drinking in the Night & seemed uncertain but still said he would go & sent to hunt his Horses in the Interim went to Sans Craints to get the Loading they were sending all their Corn to Detroit in a Batteau & Mr Thebeault said they could only spare me 2 Bushels I replied that as they were sending their Corn to Detroit I could relieve them of a Quantity thereof if the corn was better than payment & would save them the Risque & Carriage to Detroit & requested as I was to have two Horses to have six Bushels they could not deny this & said I could have it but sett all their Invention to work to make me pay high enough demanding 12ⁿ for Corn 4/ for Grease & 2/ for Sugar saying Mr Thebeault wanted all his corn & when here had said it was too little for the Bushel they had let me have. I desired them to refer the prices of all to Mr Jo^s Thebeault¹² & I would desire Mr Robertson to pay

¹¹ On the Godfroy family see *ante*, 63. Probably the trader who befriended Heward was Gabriel, eldest son of Jacques Godfroy and Louisa Clotilda Chapoton, who was born at Detroit, Nov. 10, 1758. He was thrice married: first, to Mary Catherine Couture, Jan. 8, 1781; second, to Mary Therese Bondy, Feb. 14, 1795; and third, to Monica Campau, Jan. 14, 1817. He was the father of fifteen children, born of the first two unions. He was a trader and a man of force and influence in his day. He had a trading post on the site of Ypsilanti prior to 1796, and two of the four private claims at this point recognized by the American government in the period 1806-10, were awarded to Godfroy and to his children. He was buried at Detroit, Sept. 2, 1833. Information adapted from Denissen, *op. cit.*; *Am. State Papers, Pub. Lands*, I, 536; and *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*.

¹² Probably Joseph Thibault of Detroit, who married Mary Geneveva De Loysel