

Detroit, January 3, 1792.
F. D^x Bellecour⁵ *witness*

his
Michael X Houde
mark

Before me, John Askin Esquire, one of His Majesty's justices of the peace for the District of Hesse, personally appeared Michael Houde who certifies on oath that his complaint for redress as set forth on the other side is true and just.

John Askin J. P. D. H.

his
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Endorsed: Detroit, January 3, 1792. Information and complaint of Michael Houde against a panis named François of having stolen from him.
Arranged.

COMPLAINT AGAINST SAMUEL WESTON

Edward Buttler of the New Settlement says that he made an Agreem^t with Samuel Weston of said Place About the begining of the year 1791 that he Buttler was to Crop for s^d year with s^d Weston on shares thats' to say too have half the Produce of the Land Cleared by s^d Buttler & a third of that Cleared before he Joined s^d Weston. That in July he thinks Mess^{rs} Meldrom & Park had a boat cast away at the New Settlement on her return from S^tDuskey they men of which got on the Island called the Westerward Sisters. That s^d Samuel Weston stole things out of s^d Boat which was discovered by a man named Hale & that a man named John

⁵ Francis Xavier Trotier *dit* Bellecour was born at Batiscan, Feb. 5, 1743. He was descended from Antoine Trotier, Sieur Des Ruisseaux, who was born in the city of Ige, France, and coming to Canada, married at Three Rivers, Sept. 2, 1663, Catherine Lefebvre, daughter of Pierre Lefebvre and Jane Aunois. Francis D^x Bellecour (as he habitually signed his name) came to Detroit, where he had numerous family connections, about the year 1770. A few years later he located at the pinery at the mouth of Pine River (modern St. Clair, Mich.), where he traded with the Indians, and where prior to the year 1780 he was in charge of the interests of Governor Patrick Sinclair. In 1792 he was again living at Detroit, where he held the office of notary. Before coming to Detroit he had married at Quebec, June 18, 1764, Mary Magdelene de Lusignan, a native of that place. They had two children, a son, born at Detroit in 1771, who died in infancy, and a daughter, Mary Magdelene Bellecour, born at the mouth of Pine River, March 18, 1774. She was twice married, her first husband being Francis Xavier Moreau *dit* Duplessy and her second, Louis Theophile Barthe, son of Charles Andrew Barthe and Mary Therese Campau. Denissen, *op. cit.*