

Bap<sup>te</sup> le Duc,<sup>24</sup> & John Bap Hoilette,<sup>25</sup> just above the Huron Church, may probably ask for an Explanation to my Letters to them, they hold Lands "en roture" formerly granted to Mon<sup>r</sup> Longueil, & they of course have indisputably votes; I have therefore addressed them separately. these are the only french deeds acknowledged by the "Tableau des terres "En Roture". on that Side of the water.

I am sure you will forgive me for Encl[os]ing so large a paquet to you, The most of them are for the freeholders on Lake Erie, all whose Names, I could recollect, the others, You will have great goodness by putting in train for their destinations. My father mends, Anne but slowly. My Mother pretty well. Love & affection to y<sup>r</sup> Good family. The Gov<sup>r</sup> arrived this day. I send an Express with this to overtake the Saguina.

God bless you, prays.

D W Smith.

Detroit. Permission was obtained from the priest of Ste. Anne's for them to be wedded by the missionary of the Huron "by reason of the ice and the difficulty of crossing the river." Claude Réaume's family connections were numerous and influential. An older sister, Susanne, married Jacques Duperon Baby; another, Charlotte, married Pierre Charles Daneau de Muy, son of the commandant of Detroit; and a younger sister, Veronica, became the wife of Gabriel Legrand. To Claude Réaume and Geneveva Janis eleven children were born in the years from 1766 to 1790. The eldest, Teresa Geneveva, became the wife of Jacques Parent, son of the Jacques Parent who is mentioned in the present document. During the Revolution, Claude Réaume held the rank of lieutenant in the Detroit militia. Denissen, *op. cit.*

24 Baptiste Le Duc was the fourth child of Jean Le Duc and Catherine Descary, for whom see *ante*, 41. He was born at Montreal, Oct. 15, 1727, and while still a young child was brought by his parents to Detroit. On Oct. 12, 1773, he married at Detroit Catherine Bourassa, who was born at Mackinac, March 12, 1747, the daughter of René Bourassa and Ann Charlotte Veronica Chevalier. They had four children, all but one of whom died in childhood. Apparently Le Duc was a wagonmaker by trade; he volunteered for Capt. Henry Bird's Kentucky expedition of 1780, and a letter of Bird to Major De Peyster, written at the junction of the Miami River with the Ohio, June 11, 1780, speaks appreciatively of Le Duc's behavior and of his service to the expedition "in making shafts and repairing carriages." See Macomb, Edgar, and Macomb ledgers (mss. in Burton Hist. Coll.) and *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XIX, 533-34. Genealogical information adapted from Denissen, *op. cit.*

25 Jean Baptiste Ouellet. He was descended from René Ouellet, a native of the parish of St. Jacques, of Hautpas, diocese of Paris, who married at Quebec on March 8, 1666, Ann Rivet, also a native of France. She died in April, 1675, and René was buried, Jan. 15, 1722. For several generations the family lived in Lower Canada, the first member to come west to Detroit being Jean Baptiste, here noted. He was born at Kamouraska, Nov. 3, 1737, and settled at Detroit River in 1762. On Jan. 7, 1765, he married at the Church of the Huron, Sandwich, Jane Susanne Putelle, who