

here it is my intention that he takes care of the property until your return. The task will be very easy as I never in future intend any trust shall be given. At the rate dry goods are selling in the Indian country, both by your account & others, I would not take the 30 packs of racoons Rouleau⁴ made and give what they cost if you were to give a £100. My sole dependance in your quarter is on rum, bread the blacksmith's work &c; if these will produce any thing very well, if not I can take them back & be much better pleased than to see them gave for bad debts, you have not a pins worth of dry goods, but what I could sell here for a sure profit, and unless you can do the same, I mean to have them brought back on slays, for it is very hard for me to be paying cash dayly for Indian goods, whilst I have some in the Indian country either unsold or what is worse must be given in credit to those who never will pay. To buy any dry goods, to send to the Foot of the Rapids, I never will except something very trifling. All I beg of you is, & I will be satisfied and endeavor to satisfy you also, to drop this uncertain part of the trade, to collect all you can of the debts due, and not make new ones, to prepare wood for kegs of all sizes & dispose of your rum so as to make 24/ or more per gallon & not less. If you strictly adhere to these rules both you & I will suffer less anxiety and I am sure have more satisfaction in the end & be assured If you act agreeable to these my wishes, I will always be satisfied whether you make packs or not. I shall make only one remark relative to the Indian trade, or what the trader[s] generally say & that is when an article or two is wanting, it would seem as if all others were not worth anything, it is very different with us, for tho' I am out of more than 20 articles, I still can sell such as I have.

4 Apparently Charles Rouleau. His ancestor, Gabriel Rouleau *dit* Sanssoucy, born in the parish of Tourouve, in Perche, France, in 1618, married Mathurine Leroux and migrated with her to Canada prior to 1653. They lived at Isle of Orleans, where Gabriel was buried, Feb. 23, 1673. His great-great-grandson, Charles Rouleau, born at St. Laurent, Isle of Orleans, on April 26, 1761, married at Detroit, May 8, 1797, Jane Ann Chauvin, daughter of Noël Chauvin and Jane Meloche. They lived at the Southwest Coast of Detroit, in the vicinity of the River Rouge, where in 1807 and 1808 Private Claims 29 and 567 were confirmed to Charles Rouleau. They had fifteen children, born in the period 1797-1828. Information adapted from Denissen, *op. cit.*, and Farmer, *History of Detroit*, 978, 981.