

militia. Barber Foucher²⁷ would be a good drummer if he would only give himself the trouble. You will see, dearest Mother, that although I am so far away I can joke just the same and that I remember many little things that used to make me laugh heartily when I was with you.

My dear Meredith is as jolly as ever. His face shines with good nature and as of old he sings all day long. We have not forgotten "Lavidondé" and as I have a *charming voice*, the sweet French helps me to *let it out*. In one of my letters I asked dear Therese to send me the words of "La Belle Hortense," but she has never referred to it. Perhaps she did not get the letter in which I mentioned the song. As the expense of writing a separate sheet to each one of the dear family would be too great, I beg you, dear Mama, to excuse me if I take a part of yours to say a few words to my dear sister. My dear Meredith joins me—all tender remembrances to you and be assured, dearest Mother, that I am most sincerely

Your affectionate daughter,
Archange Meredith.

COLLAPSE OF CUYAHOGA SPECULATION

Montreal 7th October 1795

Gentⁿ According to my promise & your directions I proceeded to New York where I remained near a fortnight before I received your letters from Granville, inclosing the Copies of Deeds of Lands purchased from the Indians, the Postage of which cost Eleven dollars, and by your letters, I find you could do nothing with the Indians in making them keep their promise by introducing it as an article in the Treaty; on this sole point depended our fortunes, for by the best intelligence I could procure it was expected the Indians would have made reservations and which if made, General Wayne would not in the least hesitate in granting. however

²⁷ Pierre Foucher was a native of the parish of St. Sulpice, Paris, who came to Canada and married at Sandwich, Oct. 9, 1786, Mary Frances Blau. They had three children, Pierre, Mary Angelica, and Charles, all born at Detroit in the years 1787-90. Denissen, *op. cit.*