

receive the Deeds. they are mostly all situated in the Rivers Ruscum, Belle Riviere, Puce & Peches⁵ & along the Lake between these Rivers, under Cover herewith you have a list of their names & by a Map Transmitted you by M^r Iredell⁶ you will see their situations.

I'm sorry to hear that Deeds have been given or are made out for Sally Ainse⁷ for those Lots that were in dispute on the River Thames for no other reason than it may discourage a Settlement that is advancing rapidly and injure those who possess them. You know this business it was in your time therefore shall not add [anything]. Please God my health will permit I will pay you and your worthy family a Visit in June next. The Gentlemen Interested in the purchase from M^r Maisonville⁸ return you thanks for what you have done & would be very happy [if] you could succeed in Obtaining the Grant I learn Government wishes or Intends to have a purchase made from the Indians at the Huron Church⁹ in order to lay out a Town the situation is high and good but the Distance from the Water side owing to a Swamp is rather Great for people in Trade in particular. Whilst I was a Member of the Board I allways opposed Cardins¹⁰ lands being given away to any person & wanted

5 These streams all empty into Lake St. Clair on the east or Canadian side.

6 Abraham Iredell's name appears among the list of Detroit residents who, in 1795, signified their intention of remaining British subjects. He was a surveyor by calling and, in 1795, he laid out a portion of the present townsite of Chatham, Ontario. He built the first residence here, in 1798, and here he continued to reside thereafter. Information adapted from mss. in B. H. Coll., and from W. C. McGeorge's "Early Settlement and Surveys along the River Thames in Kent County," in Kent Hist. Soc., *Papers and Addresses*, VI, 5 ff.

7 Sarah (Sally) Ainse, for whose career see *B. H. R.*, I, 194.

8 For the Detroit line of Loranger dit Maisonville, see *ibid.*, 325. Alexis, there mentioned, was born in Batiscan, Sept. 15, 1728. In 1758 he married Mary Frances Guevrement, a native of Sorel, who died in 1770. On June 30, 1773, Alexis Maisonville married (second) in Sandwich, Margaret Joncaire de Chabert, daughter of Daniel de Joncaire de Chabert, for whom see *ibid.*, 326. He had at least three children by his first wife, and eight by Margaret Chabert. He became the owner of Pêche Island in Lake St. Clair, and of land on the river front in the immediate vicinity of modern Walkerville. He was buried in Sandwich, Sept. 16, 1814; Margaret Chabert was buried there, Feb. 6, 1811. Data derived from Denissen, *op. cit.*, and from statements made to the editor by Harry Maisonville of Windsor, a descendant of Alexis.

9 Assumption Church, in Sandwich.

10 No record has been found of a landholder by this name in Detroit. The Ste. Anne's Church Register records the marriage, on June 16, 1770, of Véronique Cardin to Charles Sanguinet. Both bride and groom were residents of Mackinac, who had journeyed to Detroit to be married because of the absence of a priest at that place "during more than four years." The parents of Véronique Cardin were François Louis Cardin, royal notary