

Lisa for the sum of four hundred piastres according to deed executed in Post Vincennes, January 4, 1798.

A tract of six arpents in front by forty in depth located at Embarrass River, bought by the said Simon Gonzales from Francis Canterbury for the sum of six hundred livres cash, according to deed executed in Post Vincennes, May 24, 1798.

Which three deeds rest and remain in the hands of John Askin, Esq., merchant of Detroit and agent for Isaac Todd of Montreal, the said Isaac Todd being executor and administrator of the estate of the late Andrew Todd, his nephew.

The condition of this present mortgage is that if the said Simon Gonzales furnish proof within the space of twelve months from the date hereof that he does not owe anything to the house of Todd and Clark, or even to the house of Clark alone, then this present mortgage becomes void, otherwise it remains in full force and effect for the security of whatever sum the said Simon Gonzales may owe, either to Todd and Clark or to Clark alone.

And for the execution of these presents the said Simon Gonzales has appointed the office of the prothonotary of the County of Wayne, in Detroit, and has set his hand and seal in presence of witness the day and year above written.

(signed) Simon Gonzales (L. S.)

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

Peter Audrain, Prothonotary

REFUSAL TO VALIDATE LAND TITLES

Detroit 12 July 1798

Dear Sir Tho I wish to be as little troublesome to my old acquaintances as possible, yet in the present case, my Interest as well as that of Mssrs Isaac Todd & James M^cGill is so deeply concerned, that I am obliged to call on all my Friends not only to exercise their personal Influence in my behalf but also to call to their aid such as are capable from their situations, of giving any, provided you and them think me right after you have heard what I have to Say.