

and to have this celebrated and solemnized before our Mother, the Holy Catholic Church, as soon as convenient and whenever either asks it of the other. They, the future husband and wife, shall hold all property in common, both movable and immovable as acquired, according to the ancient custom of this country, renouncing for that purpose all contrary customs, which, by these presents, they have expressly relinquished and renounced.

Nevertheless, the said future husband and wife, either of them, shall not be held responsible for debts made and contracted before their marriage, and any such debts shall be paid and liquidated from the property owned by the one who made and contracted them, the property of the other not being held therefor.

The said future husband has endowed and does endow the said future wife with the sum of twenty pounds, New York currency, as dower settlement, to have and to take the same as soon as in every respect reasonable, and this to be secured by any and all property of the said future husband now in his possession.

The survivor of the said future husband and wife shall take as his or her portion before any distribution the sum of ten pounds, New York currency, in movable property as priced in the inventory, or the said sum in money, according to choice; and for the good will which the said future husband and wife bear towards each other, they agree by these presents to make mutual and reciprocal gift to the survivor of all property, movable and immovable, which shall belong to the first deceased, for the survivor to enjoy during life without being required to make an inventory or to render any account to the children or to other heirs; and after the death of both, whatever property remains shall be divided equally among their heirs, according to ancient custom. For thus has it been agreed in good faith between the parties, promising, etc., obliging, etc., renouncing, etc.

Executed in Detroit, at the house of the said Simon Drouillard senior, the twenty-second day of November, one thousand eight hundred, and the parties have made their accustomed mark, with seals, in the presence of their