

TERRITORY OF MICHIGAN, *County of Crawford, ss:*

Be it remembered that on this day personally appeared before me, Isaac Lee, a justice of the peace in and for said county, and agent duly appointed to ascertain the title to lands at Green Bay and Prairie du Chien, Dennis Courtois, of said county, who, after being sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he is fifty-two years old; that he has been a resident of Prairie du Chien twenty-nine years; that, according to the best information he has been able to obtain from the tradition of the inhabitants at Prairie du Chien, the old French fort was burned during the second year of the revolutionary war; that he has no knowledge of any building or fence being erected on the same ground since that time, but that the land between the said fort and the hills or bluffs was occupied before and since the time that deponent arrived in this country; that Prairie du Chien has been formerly occupied much in the manner of an Indian village, the lands being alternately in common, and improved in detached parts as each should please, and this by the common consent of the villagers since deponent's arrival in the country; that he (deponent) has been uniformly told by the old French inhabitants of the prairie that it was bought and paid for by the French many years ago; that he has never heard any Indian make claim to said lands.

DENNIS COURTOIS.

Sworn and subscribed before me October 21, A. D. 1820.

ISAAC LEE, *Justice of the Peace for Crawford County, and Agent.*TERRITORY OF MICHIGAN, *County of Crawford, ss:*

Be it remembered that on this day personally appeared before me, Isaac Lee, a justice of the peace in and for said county, and agent duly appointed to ascertain the title to lands at Green Bay and Prairie du Chien, Michael Brisbois, of said county, who, after being sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he (this deponent) is sixty years of age; that he has been thirty-nine years in this country; that, from the best information he has been able to obtain, and from his own knowledge, Prairie du Chien, extending from the mouth of the river Wisconsin to the upper part of the prairie, has been occupied and cultivated in small improvements in virtue of sundry claims of French people, both before and since deponent's arrival in the country; that he (deponent) has never heard of any Indian claim to said tract, except that, about eighteen years ago, the French people became somewhat apprehensive as to their title, which fact being made known to the Indians, one of the first chiefs of the Fox nation, named Nanponis, ratified at Kahokia, near St. Louis, an ancient sale of said prairie to the French; that in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one Governor St. Clair bought the island of Michilimackinac, Green Bay, and Prairie du Chien; that this deponent saw the papers relating to said purchase executed and folded up to be sent to Montreal or Quebec. Deponent was informed on his first arrival at this place that it derived its name from a large family called Les Chiens who formerly resided here; that the same family, or the descendants, were here at the time of deponent's arrival, and were called Les Chiens.

M. BRISBOIS.

Sworn and subscribed before me October 21, A. D. 1820.

ISAAC LEE, *Justice of the Peace for Crawford County, and Agent.*TERRITORY OF MICHIGAN, *County of Crawford, ss:*

Be it remembered that on this day personally appeared before me, Isaac Lee, a justice of the peace in and for said county, and agent duly appointed to ascertain the title to lands at Green Bay and Prairie du Chien, Pierre La Pointe, of said county, who, after being sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he is seventy years of age; that he has been forty-four years in this country, of which period he has resided thirty-eight years at Prairie du Chien; that in the year 1781 this deponent was at Michilimackinac, and acted in the capacity of interpreter at the treaty held by Governor Sinclair with the Indians for the purchase of the island of Michilimackinac, Green Bay, and Prairie du Chien; that during the time deponent has resided at the Prairie he has never known the Indians to make claim to said tract of land as their property; that deponent was present at Prairie du Chien and saw the goods delivered to the Indians, in payment for the said Prairie, by Bazil Gurd, Pierre Antya, and Augustus Ange, according to the stipulations of the treaty with Governor Sinclair above mentioned.

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Sworn and subscribed before me October 23, 1820.

ISAAC LEE, *Justice of the Peace for Crawford County, and Agent.*MICHILMACKINAC, *April 13, 1703.*

I have of this date given permission to Messrs. Longlade, pere et fils, to live at the post of the La Baye, and do hereby order that no person may interrupt them in their voyage thither with their wives, children, servants, and baggage.

GEO. ETHRINGTON, *Commandant.*ARBOR CROCH, *le 28 June, 1763.*

MONSIEUR: J'ai en le plaisir de recevoir quatre de vos lettres, mais comme je n'avoit rien de Nauvau à vous écrire, j'ai deffin de vous faire reponse jus qu'aujourd'hui.

Le connôt de la Baye est arrivé, qui nous annonce que les nations de la Baye sont actuelement en clumoire pour venire nous joindre et nous donne raison de ces attendre a tous moments, avec tout les Anglais qui étoient à la Baye. Le commandant de la Baye marque qu'ils sont fort bien disposé à notre egard.

Les Nouvelles que vous me marquez, de la part de Monsieur Ducharme ma été dit hier, mais ils sont si extraordinaire que je ne puis pas les croire: comme j'attends les quatre nations de la Baye de tous moment je vous prie d'envoyer un connôt avec 12 Sacs de Bled, 12 canots de Fabac, et s'il est possible de les avoir, quatre ou cinque collus de la porceline avec le Bled et le Fabac Domaine. S'il ne fait pas traux pour le connôt, envoyez un homme par terre avec les Nouvelles, domain dans m'avez ecrit quelque chose de mauvois discours de notre commer ecrits, je les ai interogé, et ils le nient, mais comme je suit persuadé que il n'avoit pas raison de tenir ce sort de discours vous me fenez le plaisir de m'instruire qué