

*Upper village lot No. 9.—Michael Perillard.*

Entry of land made this fourteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, by Michael Perillard, which is described as follows, viz: it being upper village lot number nine, bounded in front by the present highway, on the north by land claimed by Jean Marie Cardinal, on the west by the lower marais, and on the south by land claimed by Pierre Lapointe, it being about one and three-fourths arpent in width and three arpents in depth.

## TESTIMONY.

Michael Brisbois, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that, to his knowledge, the above-described tract of land has been occupied for two years last past.

*Upper village lot No. 10.—Pierre Lapointe.*

Entry of land made this fourteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, by Pierre Lapointe, which is described as follows, viz: it being upper village lot number ten, bounded on the east by the present highway, on the north by land claimed by Michael Perillard, on the west by the lower marais, and on the south by land claimed by Benjamin Roy, it being about one and three-fourths arpent in width and about three arpents in depth.

## TESTIMONY.

Michael Brisbois, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the above-described tract of land has been occupied for seven years last past.

*Upper village lot No. 11.—Benjamin Roy.*

Entry of land made this fourteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, by Benjamin Roy, which is described as follows, viz: it being upper village lot number eleven, bounded on the east by the present highway, on the north by land claimed by Pierre Lapointe, on the west by the lower marais, and on the south by land claimed by John Simpson, it being about three arpents in width.

## TESTIMONY.

Michael Brisbois, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the above-described tract of land has been occupied for four years last past.

*Upper village lot No. 12.—John Simpson.*

Entry of land made this fourteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, by John Simpson, which is described as follows, viz: it being upper village lot number twelve, bounded on the east by the present highway, on the north by land claimed by Benjamin Roy, on the west by the lower marais, and on the south by vacant lands, it being about three arpents in width.

## TESTIMONY.

Michael Brisbois, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the above-described tract of land has been continually occupied for eighteen years last past.

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INDIAN OFFICE, *Georgetown, February 27, 1823.*

SIR: Mr. John W. Johnson, the late factor at Prairie du Chien, has informed me that when he established the factory at that place he rented from one of the settlers a house for the accommodation of the factory until he could put up buildings for the purpose; that in the meantime General Smith having taken the command at that place, considering himself authorized by his instructions to dispossess some of the settlers, and, among others, the person from whom he rented, and put him in possession of the property as public property, with directions not to pay rent. In consequence of this, Mr. Johnson proceeded to put up buildings for the factory, which, it appears from the last returns, are estimated at upwards of six thousand dollars. In 1820 the American Fur Company (Mr. Astor) presented a claim to the commissioners sitting at Detroit for this property.

The commissioners made a partial decision, referring the final decision to the government. On this decision the American Fur Company brought suit against Mr. Johnson for all the back rents, amounting to several thousand dollars. The court at Detroit has continued the suit until a final decision on the claim is made by competent authority.

Observing that an act has lately passed for the adjustment of the land claims in the Territory of Michigan, I have deemed it proper to make this communication, in order that you may give such instructions to the persons authorized to carry the law into effect as you may think necessary to protect the interest of the United States in this property.

I am not advised of the nature of the decision of the commissioners at Detroit on this particular claim. I called at the land office, but was informed that the report of the commissioners had been sent to the Senate. It is presumed that the property will be protected by the provision in the third section of the late act.

With very great respect, your most obedient servant,

GEORGE GRAHAM, *Agent.*

Hon. WM. H. CRAWFORD, *Secretary of the Treasury.*