

accidentally been brought there at an early day, but her history, however, I do not now recollect. There were at Green Bay some forty or fifty Canadians of French extraction who pretended to cultivate the soil; but they were generally old worn out *voyageurs* or boatmen, who having become unfit for the hardships of the Indian trade, had taken wives, generally of the Menomonee tribe, and settled down on a piece of land. As the land did not cost anything, all they had to do was, to take up a piece not claimed by any other person, and fence and cultivate it. But they had generally been so long in the Indian trade that they had, to a great extent, lost the little knowledge they had acquired of farming in Canada so that they were poor cultivators of the soil, although they raised considerable wheat, barley, peas, &c. Green Bay was at that time a part of the territory of Indiana, of which the seat of government was at Vincennes, which was also the county town of the county to which Green Bay was attached—between four and five hundred miles distant by the tedious and circuitous route of that day.

There was an old Frenchman at Green Bay of the name of Charles Reaume, who could read and write a little, that acted as Justice of the Peace. He had been commissioned under George III, when Great Britain held jurisdiction over the country, and after it was given up to the American Government and attached to Indiana, he had been commissioned by Governor Harrison,* and being thus doubly armed with commissions, he acted under either, as he found most convenient. The laws under which he acted were those of Paris† and the customs of the Indian traders of Green Bay. He was very arbitrary in his decisions.

The county seat was so distant and difficult of access, that if a

*Before Judge Lockwood's narrative came to hand, Col. Ebenezer Childs, who knew Judge Reaume well, informed the writer of this note, that Reaume received his commission as Justice from Gov. Harrison, of Indiana Territory, which was probably not long after the organization of that Territory in 1801, from which till 1813, Gen. Harrison continued uninterruptedly its Governor.
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†The code *Coutume de Paris*, the law of France, which governed Canada, and all the territory of the North West while under the French dominion.
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