

ter, and after I had heard the complaint of the two men, not being willing to take upon myself to judge without having sent [some one] to inspect the break made, I determined to name four persons to inspect said house, and I named M. M. Pierre Willrick,¹ Pierre Carboneau, Louis Moineaux and Joachim La Gapé, who had themselves carried [to the spot] in accordance with said commission, and have made their report as follows: They have discovered that Michael Bartrand, who had sent an iron fork through a window, into a garret of the house, without having had any permission to do so, the said fork having been seen by the said St. Rock and Charon exposed and near the window, that some one had afterwards carried it away; they [St. Rock and Charon] put it in the middle of their garret, [so that it was] impossible, according to the report of the arbitrators, that it should have been carried off through the same window through which it had been sent. The said Bartrand having been to recover his fork, came and declared himself to St. Rock that he had been to recover his said fork, and that he had had much difficulty, and that he had made use of a stone, and that finally he had succeeded in carrying it off, having sought, with the aid of St. Rock, Charon and Joseph Beligore, everywhere in the prairie (meadow), and about the house, if he could find there hooks or other suitable implements in order to get it. In hunting about said house, they [the arbitrators] perceived that a window shutter had been bent [pried open], and that his only means of getting possession of his fork was by entering by the window, and ascending to the garret. And, having examined their goods [those of St. Rock and Charon], it being apparent that something had been taken from them, it was found to be a coat of brown cloth, nearly new, a pound of tobacco, a pound of soap, a pound of powder and of lead, a large chopping axe belonging to Charon; and he [Bartrand] had thrown down a large vessel of cream, after having eaten part of it, and had drank some of the milk which he had found in their pantry. Thereupon the losers,

¹ A Dutchman (Hollander), who lived on Dutchman's Creek.