

In 1735, from 1300 to 1400 Minots of wheat were harvested, And Monsieur Peau who has just returned from there estimates that wheat will not be worth more than 3 livres The minot This year at Detroit. At present there are at that Post a garrison of 17 soldiers, 40 families, And 80 men capable of bearing arms. We have recently granted sixteen More concessions to inhabitants of that place who asked us for them, And we append Copies thereof which We beg you, Monseigneur, to get ratified by His Majesty. The 3 or 4 inhabitants who hold concessions from the Sieur Lamothe Cadilloc can be Disturbed in the possession of Their Lands solely by The King's officers, which will not happen. They feel no anxiety on that account.

We have to inform you that—upon the request made last Summer to Monsieur Péau, then the Commandant, to have a person appointed to whom The said inhabitants might pay the *Cens Et rentes*¹ for their Lands—Monsieur Hocquart appointed One Navarre, a young man of acknowledged integrity, residing at Detroit, to act as Receiver of His Majesty's Domain, and he allowed him a commission of four sols in the Livre on the moneys collected by him. Some years ago Monsieur Hocquart granted that Individual a License as Notary, an office he fills to the satisfaction of the inhabitants.²

¹The French land taxes were summed up by the term "cens et rentes," the first being a feudal tax usually paid in kind to the seignior. At Detroit, the commandant of the post had certain rights for which he received a yearly sum, but Detroit was not a seignior; the term "cens et rentes" is here doubtless employed in a collective sense, for what the English would call "quit-rents" due to the Crown. This tax was usually one or two sols (sous) per front foot. See Burton, *Cadillac's Village* (Detroit, 1896).—Ed.

²Robert Navarre was born in France in 1709, of an illegitimate branch of the royal house of that name. Soon after his arrival in Canada, he was sent to Detroit as royal notary (1728 or 1730), where in 1734 he married Marie Lothman de Barrois. Thus was founded one of the most important families among the French habitants. See Hamlin, *Legends of Le Detroit* (Detroit, 1884); also Denissen, *Family of Navarre* (Detroit, 1897). The founder, Robert Navarre, died in 1791.—Ed.