

clares that in the Spring 1763 hearing Michilimackinac was taken, he came down from the Bay and left his goods in the care of one Le Deuke, a Frenchman;<sup>68</sup> that when he returned he found they were all taken away. Le Deuke said by the Indians. That the Indians who were with him at Michilimackinac asked the two chiefs who were left there, how they could permit their young men to do this; that they said that Le Deuke had robbed the goods himself and desired that they (the Indians) shou'd take them as the English at Michilimackinac were all killed, other Indians wou'd come and take them, that it was well they might have them; That he did not after find any of his Goods in Possession of Le Deuke, but that he carried on a Trade with the Indians all Winter, and to his knowledge he had no Goods before he the Deponant, was pillaged, which the other deponents affirm, nor any method, which they could see, by which they might come at goods, except by pillaging; That in September 1763, there was a letter sent up to La Bay from the Priest at Michilimackinac by one Mastoc, that there had been 400 English and the General who came with them killed at Detroit,<sup>69</sup> this letter was directed to old Langlad, who he, the Deponant saw read the letter to the Indians. That about the latter end of Sept a Chief of the Soaks had brought him up [a river] called the Wisconsin & at the Renards Castle, an Indian, told him that he was come from La Bay with a letter from Goalie, the Interpreter, to one Le Beau,<sup>70</sup> telling him that there were officers from France who had come with a large Fleet commanded by the Dauphin, &c, and that the Governor of Quebec had offered these officers a Purse of Money for their

<sup>68</sup>For early Wisconsin traders named Le Duc, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, index; and *ante*, p. 8, note 14.—Ed.

<sup>69</sup>Possibly Mastoc is a misprint for Marcot. A Jean Baptiste Marcot was married in 1758 to a native woman at Mackinac. The priest's letter referred to the defeat of Capt. James Dalzell at Detroit; see *ante*.—Ed.

<sup>70</sup>Jean Baptiste Lebeau was a Wisconsin trader who in 1764 married one of the Jourdain daughters; see Mackinac Register, *post*.—Ed.