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IN RE: COMPLAINT BY JEAN STEPLIANT,  
SURNAMED ROCANCOURT, AGAINST  
FRANCOIS MAME AND GEORGE BARON,  
HIS SON-IN-LAW.

Inquiry.

Upon the observance of the usual legal formalities, inquiry of the complaint, made by Jean Stepliant, surnamed Rocancourt, charging that on December 2nd last, Francois Mame and George Baron, his son-in-law, killed an ox belonging to complainant, was conducted by the judge and sub-delegate at Pointe Coupee, Mr. Claude Trenaumay Chanfret. The persons below named, having been duly summoned, testified. These were: Joseph Prene, Jean Landry, surnamed Belfleur, Jean Firmand, surnamed Martin, Jean Rabalay, surnamed Mathelot, all residents of this Post. In substance their testimony was to the effect that when they had crossed the river at about the time the ox in question was said to have been killed, they found footprints leading from the batture to a short distance in the woods where there was a pile of leaves, some of which were stained with fresh blood, still uncongealed; that upon moving said leaves, they discovered the contents of the maw of an animal which they believed had just been killed because this matter was still warm. These witnesses also testified to having heard shots from a gun just a short time before discovering these things. Belfleur testified that the wife of Mame borrowed his pirogue and a small oar in order to go across the river at just about the time the ox in question was said to have been killed, and, that while she returned the

day after she borrowed it, she returned the oar fifteen days later. None of the witnesses testified to knowing who killed said ox. Firmont declares that while Baron and Prene were at his house, Baron told him that Belhumeur was the first to fire on said ox and that he was then in the company of Mame and George Baron. In concluding their respective testimonies, each witness declares himself unable to sign, not knowing how to read or write.

(Signed) Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

The next witness who testified was Guillaume Ragon, a soldier garrisoned at this Post. He testified in substance to the effect that on December 2nd, last, he crossed the river in company with Jean Rabalay, surnamed Mathelot, Martin and Champagnol, in order to go after cattle belonging to Rabalay; that, on arriving on the other side, they saw footprints leading from the batture to the woods where they soon found leaves which were bloodstained and which covered the maw of an animal and that this maw was still warm showing that the animal must have just been killed. Ragon testified that there were two sets of footprints, one set of which were those of French shoes and the other, those of shoes made by Indians. Ragon concludes his testimony by saying that more than this, he did not know.

(Signed) Guillaume Ragon  
Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

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IN RE: VERBAL COMPLAINT BY FRANCOIS  
MAME AND GEORGE BARON AGAINST  
JEAN STEPHANT, SURNAMED ROCANCOURT,  
RELATIVE TO COMPLAINT MADE BY HIM  
AGAINST THE AFOREMENTIONED PERSONS.

## Inquiry.

Upon the observance of the legal formalities required, Claude Trenaunay Chanfret, Judge and Sub-delegate at Pointe Coupee, upon petition of Messrs. Francois Mame and George Baron, conducts an inquiry relative to the complaint made against them by Mr. Rocancourt, accusing them of having killed an ox belonging to him.

The first witness heard was Mr. Lecler, who declared that his son-in-law was the brother-in-law of Francois Mame, one of the accused; that he had no knowledge of anything concerning the complaint made; he added, however, that he could say that for the last month he was boarding at Mame's home and that he, at no time, saw any fresh meat there, other than that of roe-buck and that of a heifer which George Baron had had slaughtered.

(Signed) Lecler  
Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

Jean Semdury was the next witness heard. Semdury testified that, at just about the time the ox in question was killed, he had been requested by Mame and Baron to come to their home to make them a great coat; that, on arriving

there, he learned that they had gone across the river; that when he called back later, he was invited to partake of food, but he declined. He declares that he saw no evidence of meat at the home of Mame and Baron at this time.

(Signed) Semdury  
Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

Joseph Tiriente and his wife, Marie Barbe Tiriente, were the next witnesses who testified. Joseph Tiriente stated that he had no knowledge concerning the complaint made other than that, about the time the ox in question was said to have been killed, he saw Mame and Baron, his son-in-law, on the other side of the river; that the same evening, he went to their home where he saw only the meat of a young heifer which they had slaughtered. His wife, Mrs. Tiriente, then testified that, at about the time said ox was killed, she saw Mame, Baron and Louis Lecler, surnamed Belhumeur, returning from across the river and that she saw no evidence of fresh meat about them. Neither Tiriente nor his wife knew how to sign. They stated they could neither read nor write.

(Signed) Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

Francois Demarets testified that, relative to the facts of said complaint, he embarked in a "pirogue" containing George Baron, his wife, his father-in-law, mother-in-law, and a new-born infant, which was being taken to Church for baptism; that he saw no evidence of fresh meat other than that of a piece of veal, which

are the only things he knows about the matter in question. He declared himself unable to read or write and hence unable to sign.

(Signed) Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

Catherine Dueroit, wife of Francois Demarets, was the last witness heard. While this witness testified to several things which occurred on the day said ox was said to have been killed, the only one which is really pertinent is the fact that she went to Mame's house where she saw no evidence of any fresh meat of any kind. She was unable to sign her testimony because she could neither read nor write.

(Signed) Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

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SUCCESSION OF PERINE DAVID WIFE  
OF JEAN BERT, SR.  
PETITION FOR A FAMILY MEETING.

Sieur Jean Bart, Sr., colonist at Pointe Coupee petitions Honorable Michel de la Rouvilliere, First Judge of the Superior Council, represents that his wife, Perine David, deceased three months ago, leaving two children, a son Jean Bart, Jr., aged 23 or 24 years, and a daughter, married to Sieur Trepanier.

Desiring to settle the succession and give the children their share, prays for an order to have an inventory taken and an appraisal made of all the community properties and a curator appointed for his son Jean Bart, Jr., to that effect to have a family meeting held before one of the Councillors appointed, in presence of the Attorney General.

(Signed) Lenormand for petitioner

DEMANDS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General demands that Captain Davensbroux Commandant at the German Coast be appointed to preside at the family meeting and to take inventory of all properties belonging to said succession.

(Signed) Fleuviau

CONT'd.

DECREE

Honorable Michel decrees that, Sieur Davensbourg, Commandant at the German Coast, be appointed to preside at the family meeting held for the nomination of a curator for Jean Bart, Jr., and to take inventory. All proceedings to be reported to the Superior Council for homologation and for a final decree.

(Signed) Michel.

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SUCCESSION OF MR. DE NOYAN  
 PETITION FOR RECOVERY.

Sieur Pierre Voisin, merchant, claiming to be creditor of M. de Noyan succession for the sum of 184 livres, 2 sols 4 deniers, balance due on an open account, Mr. de Chavoie, tutor of the Noyan minors having refused to pay said amount unless ordered petitions the Superior Council to have Mr. de Chavoie summoned before the Court to be ordered to pay the said sum with interest and cost.

Lenormand for petitioner

Permit to summon

Dauberville

SUMMON

Pursuant to the foregoing order, and by request of Sieur Pierre Voisin, merchant, Sheriff Lenormand issues and delivers to Mr. de Chavoie a copy of the foregoing petition and an itemized bill of the account also a summon to appear in the Council chamber to answer said petition and to hear the proper decree in the case.

Lenormand

SUCCESSION OF SIEUR CRISTINA  
PETITION FOR RECOVERY

The late Sieur Cristina being indebted to Sieur Pierre Voisin, merchant, in the sum of 82 livres, 14 sols, 6 deniers, and six sacks of corn, in good and marketable condition, said debt evidenced by a promissory note due April 16, 1751, Sieur Voisin petitions the Superior Council to have Widow Cristina summoned to appear in the Council Chamber to be ordered to pay the sum of 82 livres 14 sols, 6 deniers, and the six sacks of corn in kind, with interest and court costs.

(Signed) LeNormand, for petitioner.

PERMIT TO SUMMON

(Signed) Dauberville.

SUMMONS

Pursuant to foregoing order and by request of Sieur Pierre Voisin, Sheriff Lenormand issues and delivers summons to Widow Cristina, to appear at the Council Chamber, on the first session day on February to answer foregoing petition and to hear the proper decree on the case. Delivers also copies of petition and promissory note.

(Signed) Lenormand.

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YEAR 1752JANUARY 24

IN RE: COMPLAINT MADE BY JEAN  
FRANCOIS ALLIN, CHARGING  
PIERRE GERMAIN WITH HAVING  
AN OX IN HIS HERD BELONGING  
TO COMPLAINANT.

*Allin*

Inquiry.

Upon observance of the formalities required by law, Claude Trenaunay Chanfret, Judge and Sub-delegate of Pointe Coupee, conducted an inquiry relative to the complaint made by Allin, charging that Pierre Germain has an ox in his herd belonging to Allin.

The first witness heard was Guillaume Lemoyne, surnamed Lenormand, who testified that he was present in Germain's pasture when Mr. Allin recognized the ox in question and declared it was his; that Allin called attention to the counter-mark "P. G." with which this animal was branded and to its natural markings, which marks were the only ones deponent could recognize, inasmuch as he can neither read nor write.

(Signed) Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

Antoine Dora testified next. He stated that he was present in Germain's pasture when Allin recognized the ox in question and claimed it; that Allin called attention to the letters with which it was counter-marked; that because deponent is unable to read, he was unable to tell just what these letters were but that he could

tell that the ox had been counter-marked. He declared himself unable to sign because, as stated above, he does not know how to read or write.

(Signed) Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

The next witness was Francois Mayeux, who declared that having gone to Germain's pasture to get a heifer belonging to his father's succession, he saw an ox there which was counter-marked with the letters "P. G." over the letter "A" and that this ox was more red than white. This constitutes all he knows relative to the complaint made by Allin against Pierre Germain.

(Signed) Francois Mayaux  
Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

Francois Chenet was the next witness heard. He testified that he and several persons were present in Germain's pasture, when Allin recognized the ox in question and called the attention of all present to the fact that the animal was counter-marked with the letters "P. G." over the letter "A" and that this animal had a white mark on its head and that its body was more red than white. Chenet declared he could not sign because he could neither read nor write.

(Signed) Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

Jean Rabalay, surnamed Mathelot, also testified that he was present in Germain's pasture when Allin recognized the ox in question and had all present examine the manner in which it was branded and that Antoine Patin, Louis Bonehard, surnamed La Vallee, all of whom knew how to read, did

declare that said ox belonged to Allin, it being marked with an "A". Rabalay declared himself unable to sign inasmuch as he could neither read nor write.

(Signed) Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

Antoine Patin was the last witness heard. He stated that having gone to Germain's pasture with Francois Mayeux, son of the late Pierre Mayeux, and several others, to claim a heifer belonging to the succession of Mayeux, he noticed an ox which was counter-marked with the letters "P. G."; that upon examination, he found that the letter "A" which was underneath said letters "P. G." was very little changed. Patin further stated that the next day, when the herd was inspected, this ox was missing from the herd but, he added, he did see the same ox at a later time but does not say where he saw it. He testified that these are the only facts he knows relative to this complaint.

(Signed) Trenaunay Chanfret  
Ch. Benoit, Clerk

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SUCCESSION OF MONSIEUR DE NOYAN  
PETITION FOR RECOVERY

Monsieur de Noyan having, during his life time, received from Mr. de Boismary, also deceased, merchandise, valued at 4800 livres, said shipment evidenced by invoices in possession of the de Noyan's succession, and by a letter dated May 15, 1747, written by Mr. de Noyan to Mr. de Boismary, Francois Notteau, captain of the vessel "Le Marquis de Surgère" holding power of Attorney from Dame Jeanne Busquet, widow of Sieur de Boismary, petitions the Lords of the Superior Council to have Mr. de Chavoy, as tutor of the de Noyan minors and curator of the succession, summoned before the Council to be ordered to pay the amount of 4800 livres with interest and costs.

(Signed) Garlic, for petitioner

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January 29

PERMIT TO SUMMON

(Signed) Dauberville.

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January 31

Pursuant to the foregoing order, and by request of Sieur Francois Notteau, Sheriff Lenormand issues and delivers to Mr. de Chavoy, Captain of a Company, as a tutor of the de Noyan minors, copies of the foregoing petition and of the procurement and authentication with summons to appear in the Council Chamber at the next session day, the first Saturday in February, to answer said petition and to hear the decree in the case with cost.

(Signed) Lenormand.

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SUCCESSION OF SIEUR LORRAIN CALLED  
TARRASCON

PETITION FOR RECOVERY

Sieur Duruisseau having sold to Sieur Jacques Lorraine, called Tarrascon, before his departure for Pensacola, with his late father, thirteen beef hides, valued at 15 livres each, and having repaired a pirogue for his account, for which work he claims 40 livres, petitions the Superior Council to have Sieur Lorraine summoned to appear before the Court to be ordered to pay the sum of 185 livres, with interest and costs, and to have the pirogue seized and sold, the proceeds remitted to the curator of Sieur Lorraine's succession, from which he can recover the 40 livres due for repairs.

(Signed) Garlic for petitioner.

ORDER

Permit to summon and for a writ of seizure.

(Signed) Dauberville.

SUMMONS.

Pursuant to the foregoing order, and by request of Sieur Duruisseau, Sheriff Lenormand issues and delivers to Sieur Jacques Tarrascon copy of foregoing petition and order to relinquish possession of said pirogue, also summon to appear in the Council chamber and answer the foregoing petition and hear the proper decree in the case.

(Signed) Lenormand.

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IN RE: JEAN STEPHANE ROCANCOURT  
 vs  
 FRANCOIS MAME, GEORGE BARON,  
 AND LOUIS LE CLERC, SURNAMED  
 BELHUMEUR

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4 pages (No date) PETITION

Petitioner, Jean Stephane, surnamed Rocancourt, alleges that he had sent some of his oxen across the River; that later, Rabalay, surnamed Mathelot, his son, Ragon, Champignol and Martin went across the River on business, and that, on their arrival, Champignol discovered a pile of leaves near the entrance to the woods, whereupon he called to the others to come and investigate it, which they did and found that the leaves covered the shin of an ox, and that it was still warm, and that the blood had not yet congealed.

Petitioner further alleges that just about this time he missed one of his oxen and when informed of the finding of the shin in question, he investigated and found it to be that of the missing ox.

Petitioner also alleges that he is reliably informed that, on the same day that this ox shin was found, François Mame, George Baron and Louis LeClerc, were hunting across the River, and that gun shots were heard fired one after another.

Wherefore, petitioner prays that an inquiry be held before Mr. Trenaunay Chanfret, Judge and Sub-delegate at Pointe Coupée, and that the accused will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Law, and as the facts and circumstances shall warrant. Petitioner also prays for damages and costs.

(Signed) Rocancourt

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January 12, 1752

ORDER

Undersigned, Judge, grants plaintiff's petition for an inquiry.

(Signed) Trenaunay Chanfret.

4 pages (No date)

ANSWER

Answering plaintiff's petition, Defendants, François Mame and George Baron, deny any cause of action against them, on the ground that they are not guilty of having killed the ox in question, and which belonged to plaintiff.

Defendants call attention of the Court to the fact that they bear a reputation in the Community for honesty and integrity. Defendants then allege that they were told that Joseph Tacinthe, Jean Souderie and François Demarets, found bones of cattle about two arpents and a half from the workshop of Pierre Germain, and that some little negroes belonging to Germain told them they were mistaken if they thought they were bones of a cow, because they were the bones of a horse.

Defendants further allege that the said Tacinthe, Soudrie and Demarets, informed Pierre Germain of their find but he said he could do nothing about it, wherefore, Defendants pray that the suit against them be dismissed. They further pray that an inquiry be ordered held at which the testimony of Joseph Tacinthe, Jean Soudrie and François Demarets, will be obtained and that the facts brought out at said inquiry be duly served on said Rocancourt that he may answer same.

(Signed) George Baron for Petitioner

February 3, 1752

ORDER

Undersigned, Judge, grants petition for the holding of an inquiry.

(Signed) Trenaunay, Chanfret.

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YEAR 1752FEBRUARY 1

EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY  
 By and Between  
 PIERRE RICARD AND PIERRE DUCOTE.

By act passed at Pointe Coupee before undersigned Notary and witnesses, Pierre Ricard and Pierre Ducote, surnamed Courene, make an even exchange of property, with all warranties, and after having observed all necessary formalities, said exchange of property being for the best interest of the minor children of aforementioned parties. The exchange made is as follows: Ricard transfers to Ducote four acres of land having an ordinary depth, with no reservations, which land is bounded on one side by that of Etienne David, and on the other by that of Ricard, for which said four acres, Ducote transfers to Ricard one arpent and twenty-six fathoms front of land, by ordinary depth, with the reservation that Ducote shall be allowed to remove therefrom all the boards on the buildings, which are not attached to said buildings by nails or otherwise, and with the further reservation that he shall be also permitted to remove the furniture from the house which is on said land. It is stipulated that the bricks in the oven and chimney on said land are to remain undisturbed but that Ricard is to furnish Ducote with the same quantity of bricks as are found in said oven & chimney.

(Signed) Ricard  
 Pierre Ducote  
 J. Carriere,  
 Sarrazin, Ch. Benoit, Notary

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YEAR 1752FEBRUARY 3

RE: SUCCESSION OF PERINE DAVID,  
DECEASED WIFE OF JEAN BARTH.

Copy of Proces Verbal of  
Family Meeting.

Undersigned assembled before Mr. Darensbourg, Captain, Commander at Des Allemands, for the purpose of taking inventory of the movables and immovables belonging to Jean Barth, and for the appraisal of said property in order that amicable partition might be made with the children of his deceased wife. The heirs preferring to settle the matter out of Court with their step-father, Jean Barth, here agree to the following:

that Jean Barth will pay Francois Trepagnier 2,250 French Pounds for his share in his mother-in-law's Succession, inasmuch as he has already received 1,000 pounds (the dowry of his wife) which payment Trepagnier accepts and agrees to have ratified by his wife and he also agrees to waive all further claims herein. The manner and time of this payment is then outlined. It is further agreed that Mr. Michel Paquier shall act as guardian of Jean Barth, Jr. This agreement is made with the understanding that it is to be approved by the judges of the Superior Council. The original is signed Jean Barth, Father. Marie Elizabeth Trepagnier made her ordinary mark, not knowing how to write. The other signatures are: Francois Trepanier, Jean Barth, Meuillion, Paquet, Barbay, Darensbourg and the person performing the functions of Clerk.

A true Copy.

(Signed) Chantalou, Notary.

YEAR 1752FEBRUARY 3

## HEARINGS OF FEBRUARY 3, 1752.

Presiding were: Messrs. de Vaudreuil, Governor; Michel, Commissioner, Ordainer and Superior Judge; D'Aubinnelle, Commissioner of the Navy, Associate Councillor; Demembrede, Major; Raguet, Dean of the Council; Le Bretton, Delalande, Kernion and Lafreniere, Lateral Judges.

## Judgments Rendered:

In re: Mr. Delahoussaye in the name of and as husband of Miss Victoire Petit de Livilliere, vs. Mr. de Pontalba, in the name of and as husband of the late Mrs. Estamise de Malbec, widow of Petit de Livilliere.

Judgment rendered by the Council decreeing that Mr. de Pontalba pay the balance of what should go to said Mrs. Petit from the Successions of her father and mother, for which payment, he is to be given a valid receipt and discharge therefor.

In re: Mr. Noteau in the name of and as holder of Power of Attorney of Jeanne Burgeur in her capacity, vs. Mr. de Chavoys, tutor of the minor children of the late Mr. de Noyen.

Judgment rendered decreeing that Mr. de Chavoys, in his capacity, pay the amount demanded by plaintiff, for which he shall be validly discharged by the heirs. The Succession is ordered to pay costs.

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In re: Pierre Voisin, merchant, vs. Mr. de  
Chavoys, in his capacity.

Judgment rendered decreeing that Mr. de  
Chavoys pay plaintiff's claim for which he  
shall be discharged by the heirs.

In re: Mr. Chantalou vs. Mr. Thibodeau.  
Judgment rendered dismisses plaintiff's suit  
but reserved to him the right of proper recourse.  
Plaintiff is ordered to pay costs.

In re: Morisset, in his capacity, vs. Mr.  
Dauncy, in his capacity.  
Judgment rendered dismisses plaintiff's suit on  
ground of prescription and for the lack of an ac-  
count rendered. He is ordered to pay costs.

In re: Pierre Voisin vs. the Widow of Nicolas  
Cristina.  
Judgment rendered orders defendant to pay plaintiff's  
claim.

In re: Robert Bethemieux vs. Berlucho.  
Judgment rendered orders defendant to pay plaintiff's  
claim.

In re: Mr. Desruisseaux vs. Marthe Coussine, widow  
Tarascon.  
Judgment rendered decrees that said widow pay for  
the two cords of wood in question, which she pur-  
chased, and reserves to plaintiff the right of re-  
course against the Succession for the balance.  
Costs reserved.

In re: Mr. Desruisseaux vs. Jacques Lorains, Jr.  
Judgment rendered decrees that plaintiff shall  
take over the "pirogue" in payment for the repairs  
made thereon by him and dismisses plaintiff's suit  
against defendant for payments of the ox hides but

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reserves to him the right of recourse against the Succession. Costs reserved.

In re: Francois Jourdain vs. Triere.  
Second default judgment is rendered against defendant who is fined and ordered to satisfy plaintiff's claim and to pay costs.

In re: Chateaulin vs. Laurent Leyrable, surnamed Laurent.  
Second default judgment rendered against defendant who is fined and ordered to satisfy plaintiff's claim and to pay costs.

In re: Mr. Forestier, in his capacity, and Mr. Populus, Plaintiffs on petition.  
Judgment rendered permitting the sale of the movables in question and that before Mr. Raguet, Councillor, and before the Attorney General, and ordering the proceeds of said sale delivered to the curator to be invested for the minors and absent heirs.

In re: Messrs. Joseph Delery, de L'honne et de Verbois, Plaintiffs on petition.  
Judgment rendered permitting the sale of the house and lot in question, upon observance of required formalities.

Having considered the inventory of the effects of the Succession of Daublin, made by Mr. Darensbourg, Commander at Des Allemands, together with the conclusions of the Attorney General, the Council renders judgment homologating said inventory for execution.

In re: Jacques Lorains, Jr., plaintiff on petition.  
Judgment rendered decreeing that plaintiff be paid by preference, from the succession, the amounts

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which he can prove before Mr. Raguet, for funeral expenses only.

In re: Marthe Coussine, Plaintiff on petition.  
Judgment rendered remands said suit for execution of the first judgment rendered.

In re: Brazillier, surnamed Turangeot, Plaintiff on petition.  
Judgment rendered reduces plaintiff's demand to one hundred fifty-three for all his writings, trouble and pains.

(Signed) Michel.

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YEAR 1752FEBRUARY 51½ pagesSUCCESSION OF JACQUES LORRAIN  
PETITION FOR RECOVERY

Sieur Jacques Lorrain, Jr. called Tarascon, having, during his late Father's last illness, paid all expenses for his upkeep; nursing, boarding, etc., obtained on December 4, 1751, a decree, ordering Sieur Tourangeau, curator of said succession, to reimburse him, on presentation of the vouchers for all such expenses, but Sieur Tourangeau refused to obey that order, claiming Sieur Lorrain to be an ordinary creditor. Sieur Lorrain petitions the Superior Council for an order that the decree of December 4th, 1751, be executed in its form and tenor, as he is a privileged creditor, and Sieur Tourangeau be ordered, as curator of his Father's succession, to pay the sum of 732 livres, 10 sols, including the sum of 127 livres, 10 sols, for expenses of last will and testament, and court cost.

(Signed) Tarascon

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FEBRUARY 5

SECESSION OF JACQUES LORRAIN SR.,  
 KNOWN AS TARASCON

PETITION FOR RECOVERY

Dame Marthe Coussine, widow of Jacques Lorrain, Sr., known as Tarascon, having petitioned the Superior Council for the recovery of 1200 livres, which her late husband had settled on her, by contract of marriage, for her to enjoy as Jura-tory Caution during her life-time, offering to mortgage a house she owns in the city, a decree was issued that the said amount be paid, as a privileged claim from the proceeds of the sale of a plantation situated at (Fish River), and the balance, if any, to be entered as an ordinary claim, with those of the other creditors.

As all the cattle, the only valuable assets of the plantation have been sold, the buildings falling to ruins, and the land lying fallow, the said plantation is of such little value that no prospective buyer has offered a single sol, notwithstanding the advertisements posted in Mobile, Dame Marthe Coussins, widow Lorrain, petitions the Superior Council and prays that her claim be privileged, Sieur Louis Brazillier, known as Tourangeau, curator of the succession of Jacques Lorrain, be ordered to pay the sum of 1200 livres, which she will guarantee by a mortgage on her property, for her to enjoy during her life time.

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YEAR 17523 pagesFEBRUARY 5SIEUR CHANTALOU vs THIBEAUDEAU AND COMPANY  
ANSWER

Sieur Chantalou having loaned Sieur Cantier the sum of 1549 livres, Sieur Michel as surety, petitioned the Superior Council to recover the said amount from the firm of Thibeaudeau and Company, of which Sieur Michel is a member. Sieur Thibeaudeau, the senior member of the firm answers that he was deceived to believe that the said promissory note was an obligation of his firm, and as such was willing to pay it, but, since Sieur Michel has signed his name alone, and not Thibeaudeau and Company, as he generally does, in his official capacity as a member of the firm, and there is nothing in the note that said amount was loaned to the firm, defendant says that he cannot be held accountable for Sieur Michel's personal acts and deeds, and it is against the law that one of the partners should be held responsible for the other one's acts and deeds, when they do not concern the firm's affairs. Furthermore, Sieur Chantalou having recovered from Sieur Daniel 100 livres for defendant's account, credited said amount in verso of said note when defendant refused to recognize said debt; by so doing, leading to show that defendant had started payment of it.

Sieur Thibeaudeau prays that Sieur Chantalou be non-suited in his demand with costs, and to enter action against whoever he thinks proper, or if he prefers let the case be referred to a Board of Arbitrators.

(Signed) Pierre Thibeaudeau.

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HEARINGS OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCILS.

**PRESIDING:** Messrs. de Vaudreuil, Governor,  
Michel, Ordainer and Chief  
Counsellor, Dauberville, Commissio-  
ner of the Navy and Associate  
Counsellor, de Membrede, Major,  
Raguet, Dean; Delalande, K/nion and  
Lafreniere, Lateral Judges.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED:

**IN RE:** Mr. Delahoussaye, Capt. of Troops, in the  
name of and as husband of Mag'ne Victoire  
Petit de Livilliere -  
versus  
Mr. Delfau de Pontalba, Capt. of Infantry,  
as widower of the late Mrs. Estaimiette  
Louise de Malbes, Widow of Charles Petit  
de Livilliere.

The Council having duly considered plaintiff's  
petition praying for citation of Mr. de Pontalba  
and for Judgment ordering him to pay the balance  
of the amount due plaintiff's wife, which amount  
came to her from the Successions of her father  
and mother; and, the Council having also consider-  
ed Defendant's Answer, wherein he expressed his  
willingness to comply with plaintiff's demand  
provided, however, a judgment of the Council was  
rendered, authorizing him to make said payment  
demanded; and, the Council having also considered  
the Opinion of the Attorney General, given in this  
matter, It renders Judgment decreeing that Defend-  
ant, Mr. de Pontalba, pay said balance due 4,296  
pounds, 19"sols", 6"deniers" plus interest to Mr.  
Delahoussaye, upon the latter furnishing him a  
full acquittance therefor. Mr. de Pontalba is also

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ordered to pay all costs.

IN RE: Francois Noleau, Captain of the vessel  
"La Marquise de Surgere" in the name of and as  
holder of Power of Attorney of Miss Jeanne  
Burgeur, widow of and in Community with the late  
Mr. Boismary,

versus

Mr. de Chavoys, Tutor of the minor children of  
the late Mr. de Noyon.

The Council having considered plaintiff's  
petition, made through Mr. Garic, praying for  
citation of Mr. de Chavoys and for judgment  
against him for 4800 pounds in payment of mer-  
chandise furnished Mr. de Noyon, as shown by  
invoices, which payment Mr. de Chavoys refuses  
to make without Judgment authorizing him to do so;  
and, the Council having also considered the power  
of Attorney given Mr. Nolleau, and other evidence  
produced, as well as the opinion of the Attorney  
General, It renders Judgment ordering payment of  
the 4800 pounds to Mr. Noleau by Mr. de Chavoys,  
for which Mr. de Chavoys will be credited by the  
heirs of Mr. de Noyon.

IN RE: Pierre Voisin

versus

Mr. de Chavoys.

The Council having considered plaintiff's peti-  
tion praying for citation of defendant and for  
Judgment against him for 184 pounds, 2 "sols",  
4 "deniers", due Mr. Voisin by Mr. De Noyon, as  
shown by certified itemized statement, which  
amount Mr. de Chavoys refuses to pay unless author-  
ized to do so by Judgment; and, the Council, hav-  
ing also considered the evidence produced on the  
hearing of said suit, as well as the Opinion given  
by the Attorney General, It renders Judgment in  
favor of plaintiff for said amount and for cost,  
for the payment of which the heirs will credit Mr  
de Chavoys.

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IN RE: Mr. Chantalou  
versus  
Mr. Thibeaudeau & Michel.

The Council having considered plaintiff's petition praying for citation of Messrs. Michel and Thibeaudeau, and for Judgment against them for 1549 pounds, amount due Mr. Chantalou on Note of Mr. Cantier for said amount, which note was accepted by Mr. Michel on default of payment; and, the Council having considered Defendant's Answer, said note and the opinion of the Attorney General, It renders judgment dismissing plaintiff's suit and reserving to him his right of proper recourse. He is ordered to pay costs.

IN RE: Louis Morisset in the name of and as husband of Francoise Martin, Widow of the late Mr. Hugot, Keeper of the Stores of the Concessions of LeBlanc and Company,  
versus  
Mr. Daunoy, in the name of, and as Purchaser of the Concessions of Defendant.

The Council having considered plaintiff's petition praying for Judgment against Daunoy as Purchaser of the Concessions in question, ordering him to pay plaintiff 6945 pounds, less 900 pounds previously advanced Mr. Hugot, which 6945 pounds represent past due salary due the late Mr. Hugot by LeBlanc and his Associates, and which amount Mr.

Daunoy refuses to pay on the ground that he knows nothing concerning said claim, which claim, he adds, is now made after thirty years; and, the Council having heard all parties to this suit, and considering the opinion of the Attorney General given herein, It renders Judgment dismissing plaintiff's suit on the ground of Prescription and because of the lack of a Bill Rendered. Plaintiff is ordered to pay all costs.



opinion of the Attorney General in this matter, It renders Judgment against Defendant, ordering her to pay plaintiff for two cords of wood and reserving to plaintiff the right of recourse against the Succession of the late Mr. Tarascon for the remainder, and orders said Succession to pay the costs.

IN RE: Desmisseaux

versus

Jacques Lorains, Jr.

This is a suit to collect the price of thirteen ox hides at 15 pounds each, which hides plaintiff delivered to Jacques Lorains, Jr., prior to his departure for Pensacola with his father, Tarascon, now deceased, and to collect 40 pounds for the repair of a "pirogue", of which "pirogue" said Lorains, Jr., has now taken possession. The Council having considered plaintiff's petition for Judgment for the total amount due him, and having also considered the evidence produced herein, showing that Tarascon satisfied said sale and repair work on the "pirogue", and having also heard the parties hereto, as well as the Opinion of the Attorney General, given in this matter, the Council renders Judgment decreeing that Plaintiff shall take the "pirogue" in payment for the repair work done thereon, but dismisses his claim for payment of the ox hides, reserving to him, however, the right of recourse therefor against the Succession of the late Tarascon, which it orders to pay costs.

IN RE: Francois Jourdain

versus

Mr. Triere.

The Council having considered plaintiff's petition praying for Judgment against Triere for 200 pounds due on his note of April 7th, last, and, the council having considered said note, and the

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Default Judgment previously rendered against Triere for failure to appear, It now renders Second Default Judgment against him for which he is fined and is ordered to pay the plaintiff the 200 pounds due on said note. He is also ordered to pay costs.

IN RE: Sebastien Chandelier, surnamed  
Chataulin  
versus  
Laurent Lerable, surnamed Laurent.

The Council having considered the Default Judgment, previously rendered against defendant and on the petition of plaintiff praying for Judgment against defendant for 200 pounds due on his note, dated September 12th last, which Default was rendered after the Council had considered said note, and defendant had failed to appear. The Council now renders the Second Default against Defendant, he having again failed to appear, for which he is now fined and ordered to pay the amount of the note, plus costs.

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IN RE: Michel Forestier, as husband of Perrine Langlois, Francois, Louis, Auguste and Gerard Langlois, judicially emancipated, under the authority of said Forestier, their Guardian, all heirs of the late Etienne Langlois and of Catherine Beaudreau, their father and mother, and Mr. Jean Batiste Garic, holding Power of Attorney of Louis Populus, Officer of Troops, husband of Marie Jouachin Langlois, a co-heir in said aforementioned Successions.

PLAINTIFFS ON PETITION

The Council having considered plaintiffs' petition praying that Order be rendered which will

permit the Judicial Sale of the Negroes belonging to the aforementioned Successions in order to Prevent loss to the heirs; and, the Council having also considered the opinion of the Attorney General on this matter, renders Judgment ordering that the sale of the movables prayed for shall be held and that it take place before Mr. Raguét Consillor, and before the Attorney General, and it further orders that the proceeds of said sale shall be delivered to the Guardian to be invested for the benefit of the Minors and of the Absent heirs.

IN RE: Messrs. Delery, De L'honneur, as husband of Lawrence Delery, and Deverbois, as husband of Marguerite Delery, co-heirs in the Succession of the late Joseph Chauvin Delery, and Mr. Nicolas Chauvin Delery Deboisclair, their Guardian.

PLAINTIFFS ON PETITION

On duly considering plaintiffs' petition praying for Judgment permitting the sale of a house and lot which came to them through Partition Proceeding, which petition is made because said house is in ruins, and in order that the proceeds of said sale may be partitioned among said co-heirs; and, on considering the opinion of the Attorney General on this matter, the Council renders Judgment permitting the sale of said house and lot upon the observance of the legal and customary formalities.

The Council having considered the Inventory of the effects belonging to the Succession of Daublin, made by Mr. Darinsbourg, Commander at Des Allemands and the Opinion of the Attorney General given on the matter, It renders Judgment homologating said Inventory which is to be executed according to the form and tenor.

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she offers to give a Mortgage on the house situated in the City as security for the principal of said 1200 pounds, It renders Judgment remanding said suit for execution of the First Judgment rendered.

IN RE: Louis Brasilier, surnamed Turangeot,  
PLAINTIFF ON PETITION

The Council having considered plaintiff's petition alleging that since he was appointed to the Curatorship of the abovementioned Succession, he has been compelled to make twenty-eight journeys and to employ a clerk to do all the writing necessitated by the litigation in which said Succession is involved, all of which entailed considerable expense, which petitioner, himself, paid, and for which he now prays that the Council will render Judgment decreeing that said Succession shall be taxed for same, it now renders Judgment reducing the demands of Mr. Turangeot to the sum of 150 pounds for the writings and for his care and pains.

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PETITION TO SUPERIOR COUNCIL  
by Srs. Deverbois and Delhomme  
as husbands of Marguerite and  
Lawrence Chauvin Delery and to  
Sr. Francois Chauvin Delery as  
authorized by Sr. Nicolas Chauvin  
Deboulair his brother and Curator,  
stating that they own a lot in this  
city on which is a house which is  
nearly falling, and, as they cannot  
make all the necessary expenses for  
the repairs they ask the permit to  
liquidate said property at public or  
private sale.

(Signed) Davernois  
Delhomme  
Chauvin Boisclair  
Chauvin Delery

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Tacinthe testified that when Germain was confronted with one of the large bones in question, Germain said he could do nothing about the matter because he had a white man who managed his workshop for him.

Upon hearing their testimony read back to them, said witnesses declared it to be the truth. Neither Tacinthe, nor Demarets, could sign said testimony, not knowing how to read or write.

(Signed)      Sudry  
                  Trenaunay Chanfret  
                  Ch. Bencit.

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This appears to be a small ac-  
count to Mons. Riguat for 25  
castors (beaver hats) at 24- 483  
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RE: EXAMINATION OF JOSEPH,  
NEGRO BELONGING TO  
MR. DUBREUIL.

Pursuant to petition of the Public Prosecutor, Jean Baptiste Raguet, Counsellor at the Superior Council of the Province of Louisiana, together with the Clerk of said Council, repaired to the Chamber of the Criminal Court for the purpose of examining two negroes, property of different owners, said negroes having been previously imprisoned.

One of the negroes brought in before Mr. Raguet and the Clerk was the negro named Joseph, who, upon being questioned, under oath, declared that he was the property of Mr. Dubreuil, Sr., that he was twenty-five years old, and had been baptized; that the manager of his owner had him imprisoned while he was working. Said negro stoutly denied ever having had any idea of becoming a run-away and of joining the Choctaws. He also denied having been induced to run away by any other negro, or to have himself attempted to induce any other negro to run away. Joseph declared he was contented with his Master. He also denies ever having been previously arrested. Not knowing how to write, he was unable to sign this examination.

(Signed) Raguet.

February 18, 1752      ORDER

Undersigned orders the foregoing examination submitted to the Public Prosecutor.

(Signed) Raguet)

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BUSINESS LETTER TO MR. TESTAR,  
MERCHANT AT LAROCHELLE, VIA  
"LA MARQUISE", BY MR. CHANTALOU  
AT NEW ORLEANS.

Chantalou acknowledges receipt of the merchandise sent by Mr. Cuspin during the absence of Mr. Testar. He declares it arrived safely and was as shown in the Invoice. The writer expresses his regret that the shipment sent was not larger since the opportunity for shipping does not present itself very often.

Mr. Chantalou says that the funds which he sent Mr. Testar via the "Marquis of Conflan" must have reached him by now. He says he prefers to be ahead in his remittance rather than in arrears. He then instructs him what to ship and why. Mr. Chantalou says his wife thanks Mrs. Testar for the pretty purse which she sent her and adds that he thanks Mr. Testar for the present sent him. He says that he shall have difficulty in selling the articles sent him by Mrs. Testar but declares that there shall be some profit in them nevertheless. Mr. Chantalou then earnestly requests Mr. Testar to send him stock up to the value of two thousand livres. He asks that the discount on the statement forwarded remain as shown thereon. The letter is concluded with customary expressions, of regard.

(Signed) Chantalou

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SURRENDER OF ANDRÉ CHING AND HIS  
WIFE -----  
PETITION FOR AN ACCOUNTING.

From André Ching's, colonist, marriage with Marie -----, was born a daughter, named Marguerite.

At his death, the widow Marie ----- married Antoine Lafleur, from whom she had a daughter, named Marie. At her death Lafleur married Marie Augmen.

Marie, daughter of Antoine Lafleur, and Marie ----- was, by her contract of marriage, after her mother's death, given, as an advance before hand on her mother's succession, a dowry of 1000 livres.

As no inventories were ever taken, the three communities, Andre Ching and Marie's ----- Antoine Lafleur and Marie's ----- and Antoine Lafleur and Marie Augmen's were mingled with one another and were never settled nor annulled.

Sieur André Ching, Sr., father of André Ching, Jr. first husband of Marie ----- having left an estate consisting of slaves, cattle, and some land, Antoine Chaune, colonist at the German Coast, acting in the name of his wife, Marguerite Ching, whom he married fifteen years ago, and wishing to settle and annul the three communities, and get possession of her inheritance as only heir of Andre Ching and Marie -----, her father and mother and, of her mother's share in the second community, petitioned the Superior Council to have Sieur Antoine Lafleur, summoned to appear before the Court to be ordered to give an account of the three communities, said issue to be tried so a decree can be issued for a final partition.

(Signed) Garic, for petitioner.

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PERMIT TO SUMMON

(Signed) Raguët

YEAR 1752

February 25,

SUMMONS

Pursuant to the foregoing order, issued on petition of Antoine Chaume, husband of Marguerite Ching, colonist at the German Coast, Sheriff Lenormand issues copy of the foregoing petition and summons to Sieur Antoine Lafleur, colonist at the Cannes Brulées, to appear in the Council Chamber, on the first session day in March, to answer said petition and to hear the proper decree in the case, said Copy and summons delivered at the residence of the King's Attorney General on Royal Street.

(Signed) Lenormand

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SUCCESSION OF SIEUR GERBE  
PETITION FOR RECOVERY

Sieur Communy, owner of the brig ("L'Heureuse Etoile"), having refused payment of a promissory note for 205 livres in species, dated June 13, 1750, signed by Sieur Cantier, accepted by Sieur Mauclin, said note representing services rendered by Sieur Gerbe for account of said brig ("L'Heureuse Etoile") Sieur Lesassier, merchant, testamentary executor of Sieur Gerbe, petitioned the Superior Council to have Sieur Communy summoned to appear in the Council Chamber to be ordered to pay the amount of 205 livres with interest and costs.

(Signed) Lesassier

PERMIT TO SUMMON

(Signed) Raguet

SUMMONS

February 24

Pursuant to the foregoing order, issued on petition of Sieur Lesassier, for account of Sieur Gerbe's succession, Sheriff Lenormand issues and delivers to Sieur Communy, merchant, owner of the brig ("L'Heureuse Etoile") copies of the foregoing petition and order, and summons to appear in the Council chamber at the first session day to answer said petition and to hear the proper decree in the case.

(Signed) Lenormand

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SUCCESSION OF JEAN PIERRE PERRETTE  
PETITION FOR RECOVERY

Sieur Jean Perrette having, at his son's Jean Pierre Perrette's death, taken possession of all movables and 200 piastres (dollars), belonging to his succession, Dame Genevieve Cheval, widow, by first marriage of Sieur Jean Pierre Perrette, now the wife of Francois Croizet, colonist at Point Coupee, by him authorized, petitioned the Superior Council to have Sieur Jean Perrette summoned to appear in the Council Chamber to be ordered to pay the sum of 100 pistoles (1000 livres) as a jointure settled on her by her first husband and the sum of 100 écus (300 livres) as preciput, which was to revert to the survivor of the spouses, both sums stipulated in their contract of marriage.

(Signed) Garic for petitioner

PERMIT TO SUMMON

(Signed) Raguet

SUMMONS

Pursuant to the foregoing order, issued on petition of Dame Genevieve Cheval, widow of Jean Pierre Perrette, now wife of Francois Croizet, colonist at Pointe Coupee, by him authorized, Sheriff Morin Lenormand, issues and delivers to Sieur Jean Perrette copies of the foregoing petition and contract of marriage, and summons to appear in the Council

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Chamber, the first session day in March to answer said petition and hear the proper decree with costs.

(Signed) Leno mand.

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Widow Piquery, for herself  
and her children,

vs

Sr. Boisclair.

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Petition for payment of the following:

1. The sum of 250 livres due as per judgment dated February 27, 1748.
2. The sum of 108 livres 15 sols due for 87 loaves of bread, as evidenced by defendant's I.O.U's., for which sum petitioner alleges amicable demand in vain.
3. Damages resulting from defendant's cutting on petitioner's land of 52 of her finest cypress trees.

(Signed) Garic, for petitioner

Order to serve notice on defendant.

(Signed) Raguet

Return of clerk showing service on Sr. Chauvin de Boisclair at Tchapitoukas, at the residence of the Procurator-General for the King, speaking to a negro servant.

(Signed) Lenormand

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JOSEPH RICARD, CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOONER  
("La Marie") FROM HAVANA

vs.

JEAN LA COU AND JEAN BARELLE  
PETITION FOR RECOVERY.

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Sieurs Jean La Cou and Jean Barelle, charterers of the Schooner ("La Marie"), having failed to unload said schooner within eight days after its arrival, as agreed, and refusing to provide for the crew's maintainance, Captain Joseph Ricard petitioned the Superior Council, claiming great loss from said delay and prays that Sieurs La Cou and Berelle be summoned in the Council Chamber to be ordered to pay the freight charge due on the cargo and damages for delay from the time of the demand.

(Signed) Joseph Ricard.

PERMIT TO SUMMON

(Signed) Dauberville.

SUMMONS

Pursuant to the foregoing order issued on petition of Captain Joseph Ricard, of the Schooner ("La Marie") from Havana, Sheriff Morin Lenormand issues and delivers to Sieurs Jean La Cou and Jean Barelle a copy of said petition and a summons for them to appear in the Council Chamber and answer said petition and to hear the proper decree in the case with costs.

(Signed) Lenormand.

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OLIVIER de VEZIN, GENERAL SURVEYOR  
 versus  
 MR. PINQUET, CAPTAIN OF THE VESSEL  
 ("Le Tourneur") and SIEURS PICTET  
 AND CAMINADA, OWNERS AGENTS.  
PETITION FOR RECOVERY.

Sieur Pacaud, merchant at La Rochelle, having shipped by the vessel ("Le Tourneur") several bales of merchandize (contents not specified) consigned to Sieur Olivier de Vezin, General Surveyor of the Province of Louisiana; one of the bales, branded No.-6, on arrival, was found to be in a damaged condition.

Pursuant to an order, issued by Honorable Michel de la Rouvilliere, Commissary of Marine, first Judge of the Superior Council, on petition of Sieur Olivier de Vezin, said bale was opened by the Sheriff in presence of Honorable Raguet, Special Commissioner appointed, and two arbiters, Sieurs Thibeau and Braquier, for the purpose of ascertaining and appraising the damage, to take an inventory and make an official report. Sieur Olivier de Vezin, considering the whole contents of the said bale a total loss, refused to receive it and Captain Pinquet and Sieurs Pictet and Caminada, representing the ship owners, also refused to be responsible for the damages on the grounds of poor, defective packing and damage caused by water poured to extinguish a fire before arriving at the Cape.

The merchandize by order of Sieur Raguet, were trusted in care of Sieur Lesassier.

Sieur Olivier de Vezin petitioned the Superior Council, demanding that Captain Pinquet and Sieurs Pictet and Caminada be summoned in the Council Chamber to be ordered to pay the full value of the merchandise contained in said bale No.-6 (costing in France 3300 livres) and the profit that could

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be derived from their sale in this Colony, said profits to be appraised by a Board of Arbiters; that freight charges paid thereon be reimbursed; all with interest and cost.

Sieur Lesassier, trustee of said merchandise to remit same to Captain Pinquet and Sieurs Pictet and Caminada, for them to dispose of it the best way they may see fit, and give Sieur Lesassier a full discharge.

(Signed) Garlic for petitioner.

PERMIT TO SUMMON

(Signed) Dauberville.

SUMMONS

Pursuant to the foregoing order issued on petition of Sieur Olivier de Vezin, Sheriff Lenormand issues and delivers copies of the foregoing order to Captain Pinquet of the vessel ("Le Tourneur") from Havana, and to Sieurs Pictet and Caminada, agents for the ship owners, also Summons for them to appear in the Council Chamber at the first session day in March to answer said petition and to hear the proper decree in the case.

(Signed) Lenormand.

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AFFIDAVIT

Referring to the theft of some cattle from colonists at the port of Pointe Coupee, negroes owned by Sieur Germain being accused of said robbery, Sieur Pierre Quinet, soldier of the Company of Mr. de Pontalba, stationed at said port, in presence of witnesses, declares that having gone to Sieur Germain's workshop, colonist of this district, he was invited to partake of some broiled meat; Sieur Germain said "that meat will cost a great deal of money"

Sieur Quinet having questioned him as to the meaning of his remark, he answered "My negroes are rascals and thieves"

Said declaration to be used when necessary Sieur Quinet says he will prove his statement in time and place.

At Pointe Coupee March 2, 1752

Witnesses	Pierre Quinet
Marin Demun	X
Dauphin	His Mark.
Joseph Bonnefons	

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IN RE: SUCCESSION OF PIERRE ANCELIN.

The Heirs Vs. Delagautrais.

(No date)                      Petition  
 Through undersigned Attorney, the heirs of the succession of the late Pierre Ancelin pray for citation of Mr. Delagautrais, Officer of Troops in this Colony, that he appear and be ordered to pay petitioners four thousand five hundred eighty-one pounds, which are due on his notes, letters and orders, and they also further pray that he be ordered to render an accounting of the goods furnished him and of the profit made thereon by him at Illinois, which amounts to four hundred eighty-eight pounds. They finally pray that defendant be ordered to pay all costs.

(Signed) Chantalou

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 March 3,                      Order  
                                     Undersigned Judge grants  
 plaintiffs' petition for citation.

(Signed) Michel

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 March 3,                      Sheriff's Return  
                                     Undersigned Sheriff makes his  
 return showing service of citation on Mr. Delagautrais to appear before the Council on the first day of hearing to answer plaintiffs' petition, copy of which was also served on him.

(Signed) LeNormand

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COUNCIL.

Were present:

Messrs. Michel, Intendant Commissary,  
 First Judge,  
 Dauberville, Commissioner of Marine,  
 Second Judge,  
 Raguet, Dean of the Council,  
 Le Bretton, Delalande, Kernion and  
 Lafreniere, Lateral Judges.

Genevieve Cheval versus Jean Perrette.

Decree in favor of plaintiff. Defendant to pay  
 300 livres for preciput and 1000 livres for  
 jointure. Plaintiff to give bond for said  
 jointure, cost on defendant.

Joseph Ricard versus Jean La Gour and Barrette.

The litigants referred to arbiters of their  
 choice before Honorable Raguet; their decree to  
 be reported to the Council for a final order.  
 Costs pending.

Sieur Chantalou, Procurator of heirs of  
 Pierre Anselin, versus de la Gautray.

Litigants referred to appear before Sieurs  
 Nougues and Lesassier, arbiters of their choice,  
 the Council appointing Mr. de St. Martin as um-  
 pire. Their report to be referred to the Council  
 for a final decree. Costs pending.

Sieur Lesassier, Testamentary Executor of  
 Sieur Gerbe, versus Sieur Communy, owner  
 of the Brigantine "L'Heureuse Etoile".

The Council considering evidence and demands of

Attorney General, decrees that plaintiff be nonsuited and enters suit for the recovery of the amount of his note against Sieur Marcellin, costs pending.

Antoine Chance versus Antoine Lafleur.  
Judgment by default; defendant is ordered to give an account of the three communities to Honorable Raguët. The Council to issue a final decree on his report. Costs pending.

Widow Picquery versus Nicolas  
called Boisclair.  
Judgment by default; defendant to be re-summoned to appear. Costs pending.

Olivier de Vezin versus Sieur Pinquet,  
Captain of ship "Le Tourneur" and  
Sieurs Pictet and Caminada, Agents  
for the owners.  
All evidence considered, the Council orders that the bale of merchandise in temporary care of Sieur Lesassier be returned to defendants; defendants held responsible in solido, to pay plaintiff the full value of said merchandise according to invoice. Plaintiff to be reimbursed for freight charges prepaid. Cost on defendants.

Chantalou, as attorney for vacant succession of Paul Rasteau and as procurator of heirs of Pierre Anselin versus Sieur de Chavoie, tutor of minor children of Mr. de Noyan.  
The Council gives the plaintiff permission to seize movables of the succession up to the amount of his claim, but not the immovables neither the negroes working on the land. Cost on defendants.

(Signed) Michel

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COPY of  
EXECUTIVE SESSION of the  
SUPERIOR COUNCIL.

Were present:

Messrs. Michel, Intendant Commissary  
First Judge,  
Dauberville, Commissioner of Marine  
Second Judge,  
Raguet, Dean of the Council,  
Le Bretton, Delalande, Kernion and  
Lafreniere, Lateral Judges.

Genevieve Cheval, widow of Jean Pierre  
Perret, now wife of Francois Croizet,  
versus Jean Perret, her father-in-law.

Sieur Jean Perret having taken possession at  
his son's death of his cash money, movables and  
immovables, without making any inventory,  
Genevieve Cheval, in her petition, claims that  
according to her contract of marriage with Jean  
Pierre Perret, her first husband, she is entitled  
to a preciput of 300 livres and to the interest,  
during her life time of a jointure of 1000 livres.  
The Council orders defendant to pay plaintiff,  
within three months after notice of decree, the  
sum of 300 livres for preciput and 1000 livres  
for jointure, plaintiff to give bond for said  
jointure. Cost on defendant.

Sieur Joseph Ricart, Captain of the  
Schooner "La Marie" from Havana, versus  
Jean LaCou and Jean Barrette.

Defendants having violated their contract to un-  
load said schooner within eight days, even refusing

to provide crew's maintenance, thus causing plaintiff considerable damage, Captain Ricart in his petition demands payment for freight charges and damages for overtime during which his schooner is laid up.

The Council orders litigants to appear before Honorable Raguet in presence of two arbiters of their choice; their report to be submitted to the Council for final decree, cost pending.

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Sieur Chantalou, Administrator of Succession of Sieur Ancellin, versus Sieur de La Gautray. Sieur Chantalou in his petition claims from defendant a sum of 4581 livres evidenced by promissory notes, letters of exchange and drafts and a sum of 488 livres evidenced by receipt for merchandise sold at Illinois, with profit on said merchandise.

The Council considering all evidence and demands of the Attorney General orders litigants to appear before Sieurs Nougues and Lesassier, arbiters of their choice and appoints Mr. de St. Martin as umpire; their decree to be referred to the Council for final action, costs pending.

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Sieur Lesassier, Testamentary Executor of Sr. Gerbe, versus Sieur Commury, owner of the Brig "L'Heureuse Etoile".

Services rendered by the late Sieur Gerbe for the account of the Brig "L'Heureuse Etoile" to the amount of 205 livres in species, evidenced by a promissory note dated June 13, 1750, signed by Sieur Cautier and accepts by Sieur Mauclin, Sieur Lesassier demands payment of said note from Sieur Commury, the present owner of the Brig "L'Heureuse Etoile".

The Council considering all evidence and the demands of the Attorney General orders that plaintiff be non-suited and enters action against Sieur Mauclin for recovery of the amount of said note. Costs pending.

Antoine Chauve versus Antoine Lafleur.  
Andre Chink, Jr. married to Marie . . . . . at  
his death left a daughter, Marguerite. His  
widow Marie . . . . . married Antoine  
Lafleur and at her death Antoine Lafleur married  
Marie Augmen.

Marie, daughter of Antoine Lafleur and Marie . .  
was by contract of marriage, after her mother's  
death, given 1000 livres as an advance, before-  
hand on her mother's succession.

Andre Chink, Sr. having, at his death left some  
slaves, cattle and land and no inventories were  
ever taken, the three communities were mingled  
together and were never settled nor annulled.  
Sieur Antoine Chauve, husband of Marguerite,  
daughter of Andre Chink and Marie . . . . .  
petitioned the Superior Council to get from Sieur  
Antoine Lafleur an accounting of the three com-  
munities, so his wife, Marguerite Chink, sole  
heir of Andre Chink and Marie . . . . ., could  
get her inheritance from their succession and  
her mother's share from the second community.  
Judgment by default: Defendant is ordered to  
give an account of the three communities to  
Honorable Raguet. The Council to issue a final  
decree on his report. Cost pending.

Widow Picquery versus Nicolas Chauvin  
called Boisclair.

Plaintiff in her petition claims the sum of  
358 livres and 15 sols and damages to her plan-  
tation, defendant having cut down 52 valuable  
cypress trees.

Judgment by default. Defendant to be re-summoned  
to appear at the next Session day. Costs pending.

Sieur Olivier de Vezin versus Sieur  
Joseph Pinguet, Captain of the Vessel  
"Le Tourneur," in solido with Sieurs

Pictet and Caminada, Agents for the owners of said vessel.

A bale of merchandise, valued at 3300 livres, shipped by Sieur Parcaud, merchant at La Rochelle, on board the Vessel "Le Tourneur" to Sieur Olivier de Vezin, having arrived in a damaged condition, an official inventory and appraisal of the contents of said bale were taken by order of Council.

Mr. Olivier de Vezin considering said merchandise a total loss, refused to accept it and said bale was put in care of Sieur Lesassier.

Plaintiff in his petition demands payment for the full value of merchandise (3300 livres) and profits to be derived from their sale to be appraised, also re-imbusement of freight charges.

The Council orders that Sieur Lesassier remits said merchandise to defendant; defendant, in solido to pay plaintiff the full cost of said merchandise and cost of shipping to La Rochelle and to reimburse him for freight charges. Cost on defendant.

Sieur Chantalou, as Curator of Succession of Paul Rasteau and representing the heirs of Pierre Anselin, versus Mr. Chavoie, tutor of the minor children of Mr. de Noyan.

Plaintiff having obtained a judgment for 1135 livres 2 sols 6 deniers against defendant, the Council gives him permission to seize defendant's movables up to the amount of his claim, but does not allow him to seize any immovables or any of the negroes working on the land. Cost on defendant.

No signatures.

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RENE CHAUDEAU

versus

CAPTAIN HYNARD

PETITION FOR RECOVERY.

Sieur René Chaudeau, liquor dealer, having supplied Sieur Hynard, ship captain, with goods and merchandise (not specified) to the amount of 338 livres, 10 sols, petitioned the Superior Council to have Captain Hynard summoned in the Council Chamber to be ordered to pay said sum of 338 livres, 10 sols, with interest and costs.

(No signatures)

PERMIT TO SUMMON

(Signed) Michel

April 29

SUMMONS

Pursuant to the foregoing order, issued on petition of Sieur René Chaudeau, liquor dealer, Sheriff Morin Lenormand issues and delivers to Captain Hynard copy of the foregoing petition and a summons to appear in the Council chamber on the first session day in May to answer said petition and hear the proper decree in the case.

(Signed) Lenormand.

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## SUCCESSION OF SIEUR de LABOULAYE.

## Petition for Accounting.

Sieur Claude Aignan Guerin de Laboulaye having, at his death, left two minor children, Jean Baptiste and Jeanne Catherine de Laboulaye, an inventory was taken of all movables and immovables, and their mother, Dame Jeanne Trudeau, appointed their tutrix and administratrix of her late husband's succession.

Dame Jeanne Trudeau having remarried without rendering an account of her administration and her second husband, Mr. de La Pommeraye having assumed control and management of said succession, Sieur Claude Joseph Villars Dubreuil having married Demoiselle Jeanne Catherine de Laboulaye, and claiming his wife to be of age to enjoy her father's succession, in her name, petitions the Superior Council to have Sieur de La Pommeraye summoned to appear in the Council Chamber to be ordered to give an account of his administration of all properties, movables and immovables, belonging to Sieur de Laboulaye's succession; that a special councillor be appointed to receive all reports, answers and rejoinders, his report to be referred to the Attorney General for his opinion and to issue his petition.

(Signed) Villars

Permit to summon.

(Signed) Michel

Pursuant to the foregoing order, issued on petition of Sieur Claude Joseph Villars Dubreuil for and in the name of his wife, Dame Jeanne Catherine de Laboulaye, Sheriff Lenormand issues and delivers to Sieur de La Pommeraye at his plantation, a half league from the city, copy of the foregoing petition and summons to appear in the Council Chamber to answer said petition and hear the proper decree in the case.

(Signed) Lenormand

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MARCH 10

RECEIPT FOR WORKMANSHIP.

Receipt for 400 livres tendered Monsieur de Vaudreuil by Sieur Wiltz for his workmanship including masonry, carpentry, roofing and joiner's work, in the construction of a pigeon house at Mr. de Vaudreuil's plantation.

At New Orleans, March 10, 1752.

(Signed) Wiltz

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YEAR 1752MARCH 16

IN RE: NICOLAS HENRY, FORMER CLERK  
OF THE COUNCIL, Vs. JEAN  
GREVEMBERE, SURNAMED FLAMAND.

Petition

Plaintiff, Nicolas Henry, former Clerk of the Council, alleges that on February 3, 1752, by Act passed before Chantalou, Notary, he sold a house and lot, situated in this City, to Jean Grevemere, surnamed Flamand, for twenty-six thousand pounds, payable in three installments: the first of 10,000 payable in the month of (name of month completely torn away); the second of 10,000 livres during December last, and the third of 6,000 during June, 1752. Plaintiff also alleges that the second installment now remains unpaid and that said Grevemere will not pay it, offering continued excuses instead. Plaintiff further alleges that it is necessary for him to go to France but because of the failure of defendant to pay said second installment, his departure is delayed, which delay is causing plaintiff great loss. Wherefore, plaintiff prays for citation of Jean Grevemere, surnamed Flamand, that he appear and that judgment be rendered against him for sixteen thousand pounds, balance due by him on said contract of sale, and plaintiff further prays that said Grevemere will be ordered to pay him damages for the loss occasioned him by his failure to comply with the terms of said contract and that, on defendant's failure to comply with this judgment, that his property

shall be ordered seized and sold to satisfy said judgment for the balance due plaintiff and for damages, interest and costs.

(Signed) Henry

No date. Order.  
Undersigned Judge grants petition for citation.

(Signed) D'Auberville

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March 16, Sheriff's Return.  
Undersigned Sheriff makes his return showing service of citation on Mr. Grevemere to appear before the Council on March 19, 1752, to answer plaintiff's petition, copy of which was also served on him.

(Signed) LeNormand

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No date. Answer.

Answering plaintiff's petition, defendant, Jean Grevemere, surnamed Flamand, admits his indebtedness of the second installment due on the Contract of Sale entered into by him with plaintiff, Mr. Henry, but he denies plaintiff's allegation that he refused to pay same alleging that by agreement entered into by plaintiff with him, plaintiff granted him a respite of one month in which to pay same and had informed this defendant that so long as he paid him this installment prior to the sailing of the Vessel of the King, matters would be satisfactory. Defendant represents that plaintiff knew that he

was obtaining the funds to pay second installment through the sale of his cattle and that plaintiff is now only seeking to embarrass him by endeavoring to seize his property. Wherefore, defendant prays that he be granted a respite of one month in order to facilitate his paying said second installment and that the agreement entered into by defendant with plaintiff, subsequent to the passing of the act of sale of February 3, 1752, shall be ordered to remain in full force and effect until the time therein specified shall have expired.

(Signed) Grevembere  
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March 19, Summary Hearing of March 19, 1752.

Presiding were:

Messrs. Dauberville, Commissioner of the  
Navy, Ordainer;  
Demembrede, Lieutenant of the Kings;  
Raguet, Dean, Attorney General;  
LeBretton and Kernion, Lateral Judges.

Judgment Rendered.

Plaintiff's petition and defendant's answer, both repeated here in detail, having been duly considered by the Council, together with the evidence produced, it now renders judgment condemning Jean Grevembere, surnamed Flamand, plaintiff, to pay Nicolas Henry the sum of ten thousand pounds due since January last, in accordance with the terms of the contract of sale in question, dated February 3, 1752. He is further ordered to pay all costs.

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YEAR 1752MARCH 18BUSINESS LETTER TO MR. CHANTALOU  
FROM MR. TESTAR AT LA ROCHELLE.

Mr. Testar informs Mr. Chantalou that he is awaiting news from him by the "Conflan"; that he trusts he has received the articles which he sent him by the vessel "Le Tourneur" and consigned to Mr. Dabin and others. He says there has been little opportunity of shipping anything since the last shipment made and that he is at this time shipping two cases of guns to Mr. Ridday on the "Rinoceros" and explains how this was done, and why and how this and other merchandise is to be claimed upon the arrival of the vessel. He gives a detailed explanation as to how said merchandise is marked and its total value, adding that the invoice for same is herewith enclosed. The balance of the letter is taken up with the discussion of certain articles of merchandise, their value, the manner of shipping and consignment of same. In conclusion, Mr. Testar asks Mr. Chantalou to place the guns in the covers when sending them to Mr. Bosseran, in order to prevent their rusting. He informs Mr. Chantalou that roe-buck skins from Canada sold for 53 sols this year and that he will pay him the same. With expressions of friendly regard, Mr. Testar concludes his letter.

(Signed) Testar

In the form of a postscript, Mr. Testar says that he and his wife send greetings to Mrs. Chantalou, Mr. Dabin and Mrs. Cestau and that they shall receive news from him by the "Ajax".

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YEAR 1752

MARCH 18th and  
MAY 13th.

TWO BUSINESS LETTERS BY  
MR. TESTAR AT LA ROCHELLE  
TO MR. CHANTALOU, ATTORNEY FOR  
VACANT ESTATES AT LOUISIANA.

In the letter dated March 18th, Mr. Testar informs Mr. Chantalou that on order of Mr. Ridday Bosseron, he is sending him two cases of weapons, which cases are marked No. 5 and No. 6 C. T., and that they are charged to Mr. Rateaux who has been instructed by Mrs. Begon to receive them on the arrival of the "Rinoceros". The writer asks Mr. Chantalou to open these cases on their arrival in order to ascertain whether the weapons were damaged in transit, and to then deliver the weapons to Mr. Ridday at the first opportunity.

(Signed) Testar

In the letter of May 13th, Mr. Testar treats of several matters. He begins by informing Mr. Chantalou that he is shipping him his looking glasses by a vessel of Rochefort and that he hopes they reach him in good condition. He also informs him that he is working toward securing everything mentioned on the memorandum in order that it may all be sent him in one shipment, which shipment will probably be made in August.

Mr. Testar advises Mr. Chantalou that it would be better to send him funds by letters of exchange rather than in roe-buck skins which, because of deterioration, entail too much loss. He says that these letters are to be sent him by vessels coming to La Rochelle.

Mr. Testar says he is pleased to learn that the shipment made by Mr. Chantalou by the "Tourneur" was satisfactory and that Mrs. Chantalou liked the necklace. He adds that he herewith encloses the bill for the purchase of the looking glasses, together with the drayage receipt. He closes with expressions of friendly regard.

(Signed) Testar

In the form of a postscript, the writer speaks of matters concerning Mrs. Henry and of those concerning the brother-in-law of Mr. Chantalou, who recently left for Paris. He sends his compliments to the Knight Dabin and to Maurice Artaud.

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YEAR 1752MARCH 18BUSINESS LETTER TO MR. CHANTALOU  
FROM MR. TESTAR AT LA ROCHELLE.

Marked: "Duplicate"

While this letter is marked "Duplicate" and its first four pages are a duplicate of the contents of the letter marked D 52/33, this is only true of these four pages because from page five on through the balance of this letter marked "duplicate", the subjects treated are not contained in D 52/33.

On page 5, Mr. Testar informs Mr. Chantalou that he is quite worried concerning the guns he asked him for because these guns left the factory on the 6th of the preceding month and should have arrived fifteen days ago and, as yet, have still not arrived, which fact causes him much embarrassment. He tells him that everything he is now shipping him is contained in five boxes and he explains to him what each contains, how each is marked and the value of each and the amount charged thereon for insurance. He then asks Mr. Chantalou to be explicit in his requests for merchandise. Mr. Testar then discusses the value of silk stockings and why those which he sends to him are not cheap, adding that it is only inferior merchandise which is cheap. The balance of the letter is taken up with matter of payment for merchandise shipped to Mr. Chantalou by the writer and the discussion of certain merchandise, its value, the shipping of same and when. He closes with expression of friendly regard.

(Signed) Testar

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YEAR 1752

MARCH 24

IN RE: JEAN STEPHAN, SURNAMED ROCANCOURT,  
vs. MANE, GEORGE BARON, HIS SON-  
IN-LAW, AND LOUIS LECLER.

Memoire.

This memoire is addressed to Mr. Trenaunay Chanfret, Judge and Subdelegate at Pointe Coupee, by Mr. Mane, George Baron, his son-in-law, and Lecler, who are accused by Rocancourt on simple prejudice and without any certitude of the true facts.

In this memoire, defendants endeavor to show that plaintiff's complaint against them is based wholly on assumption that because they happened to be hunting across the river on the day the hide of the ox belonging to plaintiff was found, it is assumed that it was they who had killed it; that because shots were said to have been heard, it is assumed that it is the defendants who fired them. Defendants admit that they were hunting across the river and that they shot bustards when they were there but they deny having shot the ox in question and they call to the Court's attention that it is a well-known fact in this community that the negroes belonging to Pierre Germain steal and kill cattle and that this fact can be substantiated by witnesses who will testify to the finding of the bones of the cattle killed by said negroes, which bones said witnesses have found near Germain's workshop. Defendants aver that they can produce these witnesses, should the Court so desire it. Defendants also call to the Court's attention the reputation for honesty and

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integrity which they enjoy in the community and for this and the aforementioned reasons, defendants pray that the Court will in equity and justice, render judgment in their favor and against plaintiff, Jean Stephan, surnamed Rocancourt, and order him to make suitable reparation for the false accusation made against them in this matter and that he shall also be ordered to pay them suitable damages, with interest. They also pray that he be ordered to pay all costs.

(Signed) George Baron, I also  
sign for my father-in-law.  
Lecler

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## AFFIDAVIT (Copy)

A bundle of white clothes, including a handkerchief of fancy Cholet linen, having been stolen from Sieur Pehevet's residence, Sieur Pierre Pehevet known as Olivier, in the Registry Court declares that his wife having seen a negro, with a white handkerchief on his head, pass her door, stopped said negro and took said handkerchief, recognizing it as the one stolen from her five weeks previously.

On being questioned, the negro said he had found the handkerchief in the street.

Sieur Lefort, known as Capucin, being present, told the negro "You have stolen handkerchief", to which the negro replied, "No sir, I have bought it from some unknown runaway negro".

To others, he told he had bought it from some unknown people.

Deponent being on the levee after being told of the happening, notified the guard house and the negro was arrested and imprisoned.

While taking the negro to prison, a young man, purporting to be his owner, asked, "Are you sure that it is your handkerchief?" Sieur Pehevet gives an affirmative answer to this question. Deponent states that this deposition is made to be used and to stand according to law. Sieur Pierre Pehevet does not sign, being illiterate.

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YEAR 1752MARCH 27

## CASE OF NEGRO THOMAS

## Interrogatory

Honorable Jean Baptiste Raguet, Councilor delegated, at the city prison, proceeded to the interrogatory of the negro Thomas, accused of robbery.

Upon being interrogated, the negro stated his name was Thomas from Banbana nation, aged about 25, speaks good French, belongs to Sieur Durand and baptised.

Asked the reason why he was incarcerated, answers that while going to the woods to cut stakes, a French woman accused him of stealing the handkerchief he was wearing around his head and had him arrested and imprisoned. To further questioning, he answered he bought the handkerchief from a negro in the street, paying six escalings (75 cents) for it. A Canadian wanted to buy it but refused to pay enough for it.

Does not know who committed the robbery at Sieur Ollivier's and never stole anything, neither here nor at Martinique.

The negro does not sign, being illiterate.

(Signed) Raguet

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YEAR 1752MARCH 27

## CASE OF ROBBERY.

## Petition of Attorney General.

Sieur Pierre Pehevet, known as Ollivier, having by an affidavit brought a complaint against a negro belonging to Sieur Durand, who was caught wearing a handkerchief stolen from his residence five weeks ago, said negro being imprisoned, the Attorney General petitions the Superior Council to have a special commissioner appointed to hold an inquiry on said robbery and to have the said negro interrogated; the official report of said inquiry to be referred to said Attorney General to issue the proper demands.

(Signed) Fleuriau

## Decree

Petition granted; Honorable Raguet, special commissioner appointed, to hold an inquiry.

(Signed) Michel

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MARCH 29

SUCCESSION OF SIEUR AND DAME LANGLOIS.

Petition for a Permit to sell  
Immovable Properties.

The immovable properties of the succession of  
Sieur and Dame Langlois consist of:

A three-quarter lot of ground situated  
on Bourbon Street, with a frame house  
and kitchen falling into ruins;  
Five lots of ground opposite the cemetery,  
and a plantation, four arpents front, by  
the regular depth, without any buildings,  
neither levees nor ditches, situated at  
the district called "Prairie du Rocher"  
(Cliff Meadow), four leagues (10 miles)  
from the city on the right bank of the  
river.

The twenty livres rent received monthly from  
the house not being sufficient to keep it in  
proper repair, the fences on the five lots being  
repaired yearly and as there are no negroes to  
cultivate the plantation, no revenues can be de-  
rived from said properties.

Sieur Populus de St. Protier, Officer of the  
Garrison, co-heir in the succession of Sieur and  
Dame Langlois, and Sieur Fortier as husband of  
Perrine Langlois and curator of Francois, Louis,  
Gerard and Auguste Langlois, all co-heirs of  
their father and mother, petition the Superior  
Council, representing that the said immovables  
being of no revenue, rather an expense on ac-  
count of repairs and taxes, pray to be given

a permit to sell them at a judicial sale so the proceeds can be divided among the heirs as it was done with the movables, said sale to take place before Honorable Raguet, Councilor, in presence of the Attorney General.

(Signed) Fortier  
Populus de St. Protier

1752

May 6,

Decree.

Considering the foregoing petition and the demand of the Attorney General, the Superior Council, before granting the demands of said petitioners order the convocation of a family meeting to deliberate and decree upon the advisableness of said sale; said meeting to be held before Honorable Raguet, Councilor, in presence of the Attorney General.

(Signed) Michel

Summons.

Pursuant to the foregoing order issued on petition of Sieur Fortier, curator of the children of Sieur Etienne Langlois and Dame Langlois, Sheriff Lenormand issues and delivers summons to the following relatives and friends of said children:

Sieur Wilz, colonist  
Sieur Guesnon, gunsmith  
Sieur Claude Renaud, known as Avignon  
Sieur Metas, known as Bellegarde, baker  
Sieur Jean Baptiste Garic  
Sieur Maidan, colonist

notifying them to be present at a family meeting held before Honorable Raguet, for the purpose of deliberating and advising on the sale of the house, lots and plantation belonging to the said succession.

(Signed) Lenormand

YEAR 1752MARCH 28

## LETTER AND INVOICE.

Sieur Testar, merchant at La Rochelle, notifies his partner, Sieur Chantalou, at New Orleans, of the shipment on board the King's Vessel "Le Rhinoceros", Captain Le Large, of a small case of merchandise; said case branded C. T. No. 4, shipped in the name of Monsieur Chazoneteau, Sr. of Poitiers.

The said case contains some fancy linen cloths, notions, hosiery, and six beaver hats, total amounts to 610 livres 11 sols. Sieur Testar calls Sieur Chantalou's attention to an error, the price of a bolt of linen, entered 101 livres 4 sols in the original invoice, should be 106 livres 4 sols.

(Signed) Testar

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YEAR 1752MARCH 28

## LETTER AND INVOICE.

Sieur Testar, merchant at La Rochelle, notifies his partner, Sieur Chantalou at New Orleans, that he is shipping by the King's Vessel "Le Rhinoceros" of Rochefort, two cases of merchandise.

Said shipment, made by Sieur Rasteau to whom Sieur Testar delivered said merchandise, Sieur Rasteau receiving order from Madame de Begon of Rochefort, who herself had obtained from the Intendant (Governor) of the district, the permit to ship said merchandise on board said vessel, one case, branded C T No. 5, containing forty-eight hunting guns, the other case branded C T No. 6, containing twelve hunting guns and a quantity of packages of fancy linen cloth and fancy trimmings (lengths and prices specified).

Sieur Testar calls Sieur Chantalou's attention to an error in the invoice due to the last hour's rush.

The invoice aboard the "Rhinoceros" amounts to 2187 livres 9 sols and the invoice in his possession to 2173 livres 19 sols.

As he kept no copy of the first invoice, he is unable to know where the error is and asks Mr. Chantalou to check up carefully and to advise him.

(Signed) Testar

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YEAR 1752

APRIL 1

BILL OF LADING.

Sieur Raymond Dumas acknowledges having received on board the Vessel "Le Soleil" of which he is the Captain, at present anchored at Bordeaux, from Sieur Pierre Roudes, in good condition, 12 barrels of corned pork branded R I, to be delivered to Sieur Clement Roudes, eldest, at St. Pierre, Martinique, on presentation of said bill of lading and payment of freight charges amounting to thirty livres.

Bordeaux, April 1, 1752.

(Signed) Dumas

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## LETTER

SIEUR MONEREAU, MERCHANT AT BORDEAUX,  
TO SIEUR CLEMENT ROUDES, MERCHANT AT  
ST. PIERRE, MARTINIQUE.

Sieur Monereau, brother-in-law and correspondent of Sieur Clement Roudes, notifies him of the shipment by the vessel "Le Soleil", Captain Raymond Dumas, owned by Mr. Braylac, sailing from Bordeaux in about a week, of a cargo consisting of

eighteen half barrels and  
forty-five casks of salted salmon,  
a large barrel of hams,  
four snow shoes and  
four pairs of shoes sent by  
Sieur Destrehan to Sieur  
Thibault, included in same bill  
of lading to same freight charges.

Sieur Roudes having sent a consignment of 10 hogshead of sugar and three barrels of coffee by the vessel "L'Amable Marie", Sieur Monereau states that said vessel which is supposed to cross in sixty-four days, has not arrived yet, so he has taken an insurance of 4400 livres on said shipment.

Will send another letter by the vessel "Le Soleil" discussing business matters.

(Signed) Monereau

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YEAR 1752

APRIL 5

COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Appearing before undersigned Royal Notary of the City of Rochefort, Joseph Rinbaud, Steward of the Navy at that Port, grants his power of attorney with general and special powers to Mr. Avignon, merchant at New Orleans, authorizing him to collect all money due him by Messrs. Prevost and Maxan, merchants residing at New Orleans, and also to obtain payment in skins from Mr. Maxan for what he owes constituent. Mr. Avignon is authorized to do all things legal and necessary to effect said collections.

(Signed) Rinbaud  
Fayeau, No. Ry.\*  
Gautier, No. Ry.\*

1753

April 5, Fee paid and received at Rochefort.

(Signed) De Setnere

1753

April 6, Attestation  
Undersigned Councilor of the King, President, Lieutenant General of the Bailwick of the Seat of Rochefort, attests to the authenticity of the above signatures and to the fact that the persons who signed are Notaries at Rochefort.

(Signed) Rondeau

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April 7, Fee for seal and delivery at Rochefort.

(Signed) De Setnere

(\* - No. Ry.: abbreviation for Royal Notary).

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APRIL 5

CASE OF ANDRE SAUVINIEN, A SUICIDE.

Official Report.

Honorable Jean Baptiste Raguet, Special Commissioner appointed to hold the inquiry upon the suicide of Andre Sauvinien, soldier of Benoist Company of Marines in garrison in this city, accused of blowing his head off with his gun, reports that  
Considering the testimonies received at said examination, his opinion is that the memory of said Andre Sauvinien be exonerated because his mind was often demented, going into extraordinary furies; wanted to kill himself and threatening to kill his own father. The very day he shot himself he had shown signs of his lunacy and of his frenzy.

At New Orleans, April 5, 1752.

(Signed) Raguet

Note - This document is misdated  
as Andre Sauvinien committed  
suicide on April 17th.

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## LETTER

PIERRE ROUDES AT BORDEAUX TO HIS  
ELDER BROTHER, CLEMENT ROUDES,  
MERCHANT AT ST. PIERRE, MARTINIQUE.

Pierre Roudes notifies his brother of the shipment by the vessel "Le Soleil", Captain Raymond Dumas, and including bill of lading of twelve barrels of corned pork, asking him to make returns for the sale to Mr. Monereau as he expects to sail shortly as second pilot on the Vessel "La Fortune", owned by Messrs. Jung and Delpech, Captain Fromentin, for a trip to Mississippi.

They may stop at Martinique and will be very glad to meet his brother.

Tells of paying some debts and some pool tax and industrial taxes due before their father's death.

(Signed) Roudes Jr.

Invoice		Livres	Sols
12 barrels	corned pork ...	252	
	Drayage .....	1	10
	Loading .....	<u>1</u>	<u>    </u>
		254	10

(Signed) Roudes Jr.

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APRIL 5

SUCCESSION OF PIERRE ANCELIN

Petition for Recovery

Sieur Pierre Guesnon, King's Gunner, having loaned Sieur Ancelin son, now in France, the sum of 57 livres 10 sols, evidenced by his promissory note dated June 17, 1748, petitions the Superior Council to have Sieur Chantalou, trustee of Sieur Pierre Ancelin's succession, summoned in the Council Chamber to be ordered to pay the amount of said note with interests and costs.

(Signed) Guesnon

Permit to summon.

(Signed) Dauberville

Summons

Pursuant to the foregoing order issued on petition of Sieur Pierre Guesnon, Sheriff LeNormand issues and delivers to Sieur Chantalou, copy of foregoing petition and summons to appear in the Council Chamber to answer said petition and to hear the proper decree in the case.

(Signed) LeNormand

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YEAR 1752

APRIL 10

PETITION FOR RECOVERY

Claude Joseph Villars Dubreuil, Sr.  
versus  
Mr. Messenger, Colonist st Illinois.

Petition for the recovery of the sum of 2492 livres 10 sols, which petitioner paid for account of defendant to Messrs. Pictet and Voisin, as a bond, under an order of Court dated September 7, 1743.

Petitioner prays for a writ of provisional seizure on the funds in the hands of Sieur Fortier as Curator of the succession of Sr. Etienne Langlois and his wife, Marie Baudreau, for the share which petitioner has been informed will fall to defendant's wife up to the sum of 2492 livres 10 sols, interest and costs.

(Signed) Garlic, Attorney

April 15,  
Order for service and for provisional seizure.

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April 18,            Official Report of Seizure.  
Pursuant to the foregoing order issued on petition of Sieur Claude Joseph Villars Dubreuil Signor, for the recovery of the sum of 2492 livres 10 sols, from Mr. Messenger of Illinois, Sheriff

Lenormand issues and delivers copy of said order to Sieur Fortier, Curator of the succession of Sieur Etienne Langlois and Marie Baudreau, his wife, and notifies him of the seizure of all funds in his care belonging to said successions up to the sum of 2492 livres 10 sols, also summons to appear in the Council Chamber on the first Session day in November.

(Signed) Lenormand

April 18, Summons  
Pursuant to the foregoing order, Sheriff Lenormand issues a copy of the foregoing petition and delivers same at the residence of the Attorney General, said notice to be delivered to Sieur Messager at Illinois; also a summons ordering Sieur Messager to appear in the Council Chamber on the first Session day of November to answer said petition and to hear the proper decree in the case.

(Signed) Lenormand

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YEAR 1752APRIL 11

## SUCCESSION OF SIEUR de NOYAN

## Petition for Recovery

Sieur de Noyan being indebted to Marguerite Bouat, widow of Antoine Pascaud, merchant at La Rochelle, in the sum of 2254 livres 7 sols 6 deniers, evidenced by a promissory note dated April 6, 1742, and Sieur de Chavoy, tutor of the minors of Sieur de Noyan, having refused to pay said amount without an order from the Superior Council, Sieur Chantalou, holding procuration from Dame Marguerite Bouat, widow of Antoine Pascaud, petitions the Superior Council to have Sieur de Chavoy summoned to appear in the Council Chamber to be ordered to pay the sum of 2254 livres 7 sols 6 deniers with interest and costs.

(Signed) Chantalou

Permit to summon.

(Signed) Dauberville

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YEAR 1752APRIL 11

## PETITION FOR RECOVERY

Mr. Dauberville, Commissary of Marine, Second Judge, in his own name and also acting for his wife, Francoise Petit de Coulange,

versus

Pierre Boucher de Monbrun, Esquire, Sr. de la Soutraye.

Petitioner alleges that defendant is indebted to Dame Francoise Petit de Coulange, now petitioner's wife, in the sum of 3000 livres in piastres (5 livres per piastre) as per his obligation dated June 15, 1748, and to petitioner in the sum of 200 livres, as evidenced by his promissory note dated August 9, 1749; that petitioner has been informed that there are, in the hands of Mr. Fortier, Curator of the successions of Etienne Langlois and Madame Gervais, funds derived from said successions of which defendant's wife, now deceased, is a co-heir.

Petitioner prays that a writ of seizure be issued upon said funds up to the sum of 3200 livres, interest and cost.

(Signed) D'Auberville

Permit for a writ of seizure; report to be referred to the Council for a final decree.

(Signed) Michel

April 12, Official Report of Seizure.  
Pursuant to the foregoing order,  
issued on petition of Sieur D'Auberville, Sheriff

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Lenormand issues and delivers copies of said petition and said order to Sieur Fortier, Curator of the successions of Sieur Etienne Langlois and Dame Gervais, notifying said Sieur Fortier of the seizure of all funds now in his care, belonging to said successions up to 3200 livres; Sieur Fortier to be held responsible for same.

(Signed) Lenormand

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APRIL 12

LETTER

CHARMETEAU, SON, TO SIEUR CHANTALOU

Writing from Rochefort, Sieur Charmeteau, son, expresses regret for not getting acquainted with Sieur Chantalou while on a cruise at New Orleans.

Advises shipment, which gave him great deal of trouble and worry, of a small case of merchandise branded C. T. No. 4, trusted to Captain Large, said case to be delivered to him on presentation of this letter.

(Signed) Charmeteau

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YEAR 1752APRIL 15

## SUCCESSION OF SIEUR de LABOULAYE

## Answer to Petition.

Sieur Guillaume Loquet de La Pommeraye having married Dame Jeanne Trudeau, widow of Sieur de Laboulaye, and taken control of said succession, Sieur Villars Dubreuil, husband of Jeanne Catherine, Sieur de LaBoulaye's daughter, petitioned the Superior Council demanding from Sieur de La Pommeraye an accounting of said succession and the community which existed between the deceased and Dame Jeanne Trudeau.

Sieur de La Pommeraye, in his answer, acknowledges receiving notices of said petition and prays for one month's delay in which to file the account.

(Signed) Locquet de la Pommeraye

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APRIL 17

CASE OF ANDRE SERVINIEN, A SUICIDE

Official Report

The Attorney General reports that:

After being notified by Major Delisle that one of the soldiers of the garrison had blown his head off, he proceeded to the barracks with the Clerk of the Superior Council. In a little back yard, he found the body of Andre Servinien, known as La Rochelle, a soldier of Benoist Company, lying on his back, his gun between his legs, his skull blown away, some of the bullets embedded in the wall, from which he concluded that the said soldier had shot himself standing up, using his foot to pull the trigger. The body was ordered brought to the King's Hospital to be examined and to hold an inquiry.

Said report drawn to stand according to law.

(Signed) Fleuriau  
Henri, Recorder

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APRIL 18

CASE OF ANDRE SERVINIEN, A SUICIDE

Petition of Attorney General.

The Attorney General, having proceeded to the preliminary investigation of the death of the soldier, Andre Servinien, known as La Rochelle, reports to the Superior Council the circumstances of the suicide as embodied in his official report and demands that, in compliance with the ordinance of the month of August 1670, an official inquiry and a trial be held and a curator appointed for the memory of the said deceased Andre Servinien.

(Signed) Fleuriau

Petition granted. (Signed) Michel

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APRIL 18

CASE OF ANDRE SAUVINIEN, A SUICIDE

Summons

Pursuant to an order of Honorable Michel, First Judge of the Superior Council, issued on petition of the Attorney General, Sheriff LeNormand issues summons to Major Sergeant Brisset of Benoist Company to be delivered to the following soldiers of the garrison:

Joseph Odoy, Andre Desjardins,  
Jean Louis Robigau,  
Pierre Ficher,

notifying them to be present at the Registry Court to testify in the preliminary inquiry held in the trial of the late Andre Sauvinien, known as La Rochelle, soldier of Benoist Company, accused of blowing off his head with his gun.

(Signed) LeNormand

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APRIL 18

LETTER (Incomplete) TO MR. CHANTALOUPI.

Written by \* \_\_\_\_\_ at La Rochelle.

This writer acknowledges receipt of the package of letters sent him by Mr. Chantaloup through Mr. Bettremieux, on the Vessel "Le Conflant". The subjects contained in these letters, which are commercial matters, are then discussed in detail by the writer.

(No Signature)

\* - Because of this Translator's familiarity with the handwriting in this, as well as with the subject matter therein treated, it is her opinion that it was written by Mr. Testar, merchant of La Rochelle, a business associate of Mr. Chantaloup, who resides in Louisiana.

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## CASE OF ANDRE SAUVINIEN, A SUICIDE

## Inquiry

Andre Sauvinien, soldier of the Benoist Company of Marines, in garrison in this city, having killed himself by blowing his head off with his gun, a trial was held on petition of the Attorney General before Honorable Raguet, dean of the Superior Council, upon the circumstances of said act and decedent's life and morals for the purpose of absolving or condemning his memory, in compliance with Ordinance of 1670.

Joseph Odoy, soldier of Benoist Company testified:

Being in his room at 8 A. M., he heard Andre Sauvinien, a fellow soldier, had killed himself; went out and saw the body lying in the back yard of the barracks.

Every day after getting intoxicated, he would get into a violent fit of anger, threatening to stab himself to death, even to kill his father.

Witness himself and fellow soldiers had often tried to quiet his fits of violent furies.

Thought he never had his right mind, but did not know how much he was affected because he never frequented him on account of his bad temper.

~~Witness~~ does not sign, being illiterate.

(Signed) Raguet  
Henry, Clerk

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YEAR 1752

APRIL 18

EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES

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Louis Rabiteau, Pierre Ficher, Andre Desjardin, prosecution witnesses in the trial of the memory of the late Andre Sevineau, soldier, testify that;

The accused Andre Sevineau, called "La Rochelle", soldier, was not of a sociable character, but without sense; his comrades would not associate with him. He would go into fits of madness and extreme fury, curse his father and threaten him; he would stab himself in the stomach and draw blood, and when intoxicated he would become mentally alienated.

(Signed)

Ragnet  
Henry, Clerk

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## CASE OF ANDRE SAUVINIEN, A SUICIDE

## Official Report of Abduction of Body.

Andre Sauvinien, known as La Rochelle, a soldier of Benoist Company of Marines, in garrison in this city, having, in a fit of madness, blown his head off with his gun, the body lying in a back yard at the barracks, was carried to the King's Hospital and deposited in a cabin outside of the main building.

The abduction of said body being reported, the Attorney General, who, according to Ordinance of 1670, had instituted proceedings against said body and the memory of the late Andre Sauvinien with Honorable Raguet, Special Councilor, and the Clerk of the Superior Council, repaired to the King's Hospital and proceeded to an investigation of the said abduction.

Being lead to the cabin by a named Baptiste, questioned two medical students named Chastant and Dupont, who stated that the body of Andre Sauvinien, which they had salted down two days previously, was probably carried off during the past night as it was there the day before.

Two Ursuline nuns, Sister Magdalena and Sister Francois Xavier, who have charge of the hospital, declared having retired early to their monastery, have no knowledge of said abduction. They were notified at 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning that the body was not there any longer, having probably been carried off during a rain storm the night previous.

The sick in the hospital stated they neither seen nor heard anything of said abduction.

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The grounds and fences not being broken,  
gave no further clues to the investigators.

Said report drawn to stand according to law.

(Signed) Raguet  
Fleuriau  
Henri, Clerk

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YEAR 1752APRIL 19

## CASE OF ANDRE SAUVINIEN, A SUICIDE

## Appointment of Curator

Andre Sauvinien, a soldier of the Benoist Company of Marines, in garrison in this city, having committed suicide by blowing his head off with his gun, the Attorney General, in compliance with an Ordinance of 1670, filed a complaint against the said Andre Sauvinien demanding an inquiry and a criminal trial for the purpose of condemning, or absolving and rehabilitating the memory and good name of the victim.

Honorable Jean Baptiste Raguet, Second Judge and Dean of the Superior Council, considering the foregoing petition and the decree issued by Honorable Michel, Intendant Commissary, and Presiding Judge of the Superior Council, granting said petition, and said Andre Sauvinien having no relatives in this Colony, officially appointed Sieur Pierre Cecille as Curator to represent him at said trial of the indictment entered by the Attorney General to his memory and to defend his name and fame; said Sieur Pierre Cecille to be summoned to appear before Honorable Raguet to accept said functions and take the oath of office.

(Signed) Raguet  
Henry, Clerk

April 19, Acceptance of Curatorship.  
Sieur Pierre Cecille, resident of  
New Orleans, having been officially appointed

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as Curator to represent the body and memory and good name of the deceased Andre Sauvinien at the criminal trial of the charges entered by the Attorney General, appeared before Honorable Raguet to accept said curatorship and to take the oath of office, promising to defend faithfully said Sauvinien's good name and memory.

(Signed) P. Cecille

Raguet  
Henry, Clerk

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APRIL 19

SUCCESSION OF SIEUR JEAN CAMOIN.

Petition for Recovery.

Sieur Jean Camoin, deceased at Natchitoches, was indebted to Sieur Gabriel Fuselier de la Claire in the sum of 1141 livres 9 sols for merchandise purchased from the cargo of the Vessel "La Concorde", Captain Lombardon from Marseilles, said debt evidenced by a promissory note.

Sieur Fuselier de la Claire, merchant, petitions the Superior Council to have Sieur Chantalou, Trustee of the Camoin succession, summoned before the Court to be ordered to pay the sum of 1141 livres 9 sols.

(Signed) Fuselier de la Claire

Permit to summon.

(Signed) Raguet

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APRIL 21

CASE OF ANDRE SAUVINIEN, A SUICIDE

Petition of Attorney General for Decree.

The Attorney General in his petition stated:

Considering the criminal proceedings instituted in compliance with my petition against the late Andre Sauvinien, known as La Rochelle, soldier, accused of self homicide and against his memory and good name, defended by Sieur Pierre Cecille, Curator.

The official report, dated April 17, 1752, of the finding and removal of the body.

The Attorney General's complaint and petition with decree for summons dated April 18, 1752.

The official report of summons issued to witness and consequently the inquiry held before Honorable Raguet, Councilor, on April 19, 1752.

The official report, dated April 19, 1752, of the secret removal from a cabin in the King's Hospital and the abduction of the body of the said Andre Sauvinien.

The decree of the Special Commissary (Honorable Raguet) appointing Sieur Pierre Cecille, Curator of the memory and good name of said Andre Sauvinien, and the official report dated April 19, 1752, of his acceptance and taking the oath of office.

The official report dated April 19, 1752, of the interrogatory of Sieur Cecille.

The official report dated April 20th of the re-examination of the witnesses on their testimonies given at the preliminary inquiry.

The official report, dated April 21st, of the confrontation of witnesses with Sieur Cecille, Curator.

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All papers and documents pertaining to said case duly considered and carefully examined, the Attorney General, in the name of the King, demands that the defunct Andre Sauvinien be declared impeached and convicted of homicide by self-inflicted gun shot in the head.

His body having been secretly carried off from the Hospital cabin, his memory and good name to be tarnished and sullied forever; each and every one of his properties situated in France or elsewhere to be seized and confiscated for the benefit of the King and Court costs.

At New Orleans, April 21, 1752.

(Signed) Fleuriau

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## CASE OF ANDRE SAUVINIEN, A SUICIDE

## Re-examination of Witnesses.

Pursuant to an order of Honorable Raguet, Presiding Judge in the trial of the late Andre Sauvinien, soldier of Benoist Company, accused of blowing his head off with his gun, said order issued on petition of the Attorney General, the following prosecuting witnesses were summoned for re-examination:

Joseph Odoy, Jean Louis Robigau,  
Pierre Ficher, Andre Desjardins

Appearing separately before Honorable Judge Raguet, their previous testimonies were read to them and each one stated under oath that they were the truth, having nothing to add nor to retract.

Joseph Odoy, Pierre Ficher and Andre Desjardins do not sign, being illiterate.

(Signed) Raguet  
Henry, Clerk  
J. L. Robigau

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## CASE OF ANDRE SAUVINIEN, A SUICIDE

Interrogatory of Pierre Cecille, Curator.

Pierre Cecille, appointed Curator, for the defense of the memory and good name of the late Andre Sauvinien, soldier of the Benoist Company of Marines in garrison in this city, appeared before Commissioner Jean Baptiste Raguet, in the Registry Court and states he is ready to undergo an examination upon the facts brought out at the inquiry held on petition of the Attorney General on the case of the said Sauvinien, and requires certification of his presence.

(Signed) Cecille  
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On direct examination, Sieur Pierre Cecille states that the said Andre Sauvinien, whose body was found in a back yard at the barracks, having no relatives in this Colony, he was appointed Curator to rehabilitate his memory.

Was not personally acquainted with deceased, but heard from his fellow soldiers that he was sometimes intoxicated, and when in that condition, had a bad temper. In his opinion, the reason for his suicide was that he had a dash of lunacy. He would often have a fit of madness and must have killed himself in one of those moments of frenzy.

(Signed) Cecille  
Raguet

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YEAR 1752APRIL 21

Confrontation of prosecuting  
witnesses.

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Attorney-General, vs. Memory of  
Andre Serivien.

Before Jean Baptiste Raguet, king's Coun-  
cillor at the Superior Council appeared  
Joseph Odoy, Jean Louis Rabideau, Pierre  
Ficher, Andre Dujardin, prosecuting witnesses  
in the above trial, and Pierre Cecille,  
Curator appointed to defend the memory  
and good name of the late Andre Serivien.

After confrontation of the said witnesses  
with Sr. Pierre Cecille, Curator and Defender,  
and their statement that they were not per-  
sonally acquainted with the said Curator,  
reading was made of their first testimonies  
and of their re-examination.

No one having any objection, the said docu-  
ments were approved.

(Signed) Raguet

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YEAR 1752APRIL 22

## SUCCESSION OF FRANCOIS BRUNET.

## Petition for Accounting

Sieur Claude Chenier, in the name of his wife, Marie Louise Brunet, daughter and heir of Francois Brunet, petitions the Superior Council to have Dame Jeanne Hubert, widow of the said Francois Brunet, their step-mother, summoned to appear in the Council Chamber to render an account of her administration of said succession since the death of Sieur Francois Brunet.

X Mark of  
Claude Chenier

Permit to summon. (Signed) Raguet

April 26,

Summons

Pursuant to the foregoing order, issued on petition of Sieur Claude Chenier, Sheriff LeNormand issues and delivers copy of foregoing petition and summons to Dame Jeanne Heubert, widow Brunet, to appear in the Council Chamber and answer said petition.

(Signed) LeNormand

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YEAR 1752APRIL 23

IN RE: CHARLES Le ROY

## Inquiry.

Pursuant to order of the Council rendered April 11th on petition of Jacques Tarascon and Jacques Philippe Megros, Mr. Raguet, Councilor, Commissioner in this matter, held an inquiry in the matter of Charles Le Roy, at which the persons named below testified, as outlined:

Francois Arnaud, who, after being placed under oath and answered the preliminary questions, declared that, during October of last year, Venture Ximenes came to his plantation and spent about three weeks there and then went on board the boat belonging to Mr. Roy; that in payment for his passage down the river, he offered Roy his sword and a silver watch, but Roy declined the sword but took the watch, saying he would sell it and purchase food. Arnaud says Venture went off with Roy and that he knows nothing of what happened after that.

(Signed) Arnaud  
Raguet  
Henry, Clerk

Michel Paquet was the next witness to testify. He was placed under oath and after answering the preliminary questions, he declared that all that he knows is purely heresay and that it is to the effect that Robin and Arnaud said that Roy had taken a Spaniard on board his boat about a month ago. Paquet says he does not know whether that is true or not.

(Signed) Paquet  
Raguet  
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April 25, Jean Robin, having been placed under oath and having answered preliminary questions, testified that he knows not whether Roy took off Venture Ximenes or not; that he does not even know him although he did see a person who looked like a Spaniard, or a stranger, at Arnaud's house but he does not know what became of him. Robin says he is unable to sign his testimony because he does not know how to read or write.

(Signed) Raguet  
Henry, Clerk

Louis Saurin was the last witness to testify at this inquiry. After being placed under oath and having answered the usual preliminary questions, Saurin declared that upon his return from Belize to get oysters, one of the men in his boat saw Roy's boat which was leaving this Colony and that in Roy's boat he saw a Spaniard whom he said he had seen before at New Orleans. Saurin says that is all that he knows about this matter. He declares he cannot sign his testimony because he does not know how to read or write.

(Signed) Henry, Clerk

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APRIL 28

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Power-of-Attorney by Notarial Act before  
Bureau at Big Bend, St. Domingo given by  
Marguerite Gerbe, wife of Jacques  
Boccallin, and by him authorized,

to

Jean Batiste Garic, Lawyer, to act for her  
in the matter of the Succession of her  
father and mother.

Her mother, Dame Maillet, married Saulle  
and of this marriage the following children  
were born: Gilbert, Francoise, Antoine, Etienne  
and Celestin, all of whom are now dead, as well  
as Saulle.

Her mother later married Gerbe, and she is is-  
sue of this marriage.

Marguerite Gerbe is also heiress of her half  
brothers and sisters.

(Signed) Boccallin  
de St. Martin, witness  
Saubat, witness  
M. Gerbe  
Bureau

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YEAR 1753

JULY 7

Garic, acting for  
Marguerite Gerbe and her husband, Jacques  
Boccallin,

Vs.

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YEAR 1753

JULY 7

Charles Lesassier, as testamentary executor of Estate of deceased Gerbe, and creditors of the Estate.

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Petition of Garic to have Charles Le Sassier turn over to Marguerite Gerbe 33099 livres made up of her mother's share of first community. Her dowry and preciput from first marriage which she later turned over by Notarial Act to Gerbe, her second husband.

Also the share of her five half-sisters and brothers Saulle.

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JULY 7

Order.

(Signed) D'Auberville

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JULY 19

Return on service of notice on Le Sassier and the various creditors of the Estate.

(Signed) Le Normand

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APRIL

SR. VILLARS DUBREUIL,  
IN THE NAME OF HIS WIFE,  
VS.  
GUILLAUME LOQUET DE LA POMMERAYE,  
IN THE NAME OF HIS WIFE.

Answer of Defendant  
to Plaintiff's opposition  
to sale of property.

Sr. Guillaume Loquet de la Pommeraye alleges that he obtained an order permitting him to sell his plantation, in order to make a settlement with his family; that Dubreuil, as the son-in-law of the Defendant's wife, opposed said sale, he does not know why, as the plantation belongs to the community of acquets between defendant and his wife, except the first six arpents.

Those six arpents were given to his wife as an advancement of her inheritance by Sr. Trudeau, deceased, her step-father, at the time of her marriage to Sr. de La Boulaye, her first husband, which land with the improvements, valued at 4000 livres, fell into the mass of the succession of Trudeau.

Defendant alleges that 4000 livres were deducted by him from the 1/6 share of his wife in said succession.

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He prays that plaintiff's opposition be dismissed, or that he give bond up to the value of the six arpents, until Defendant's account shall have been approved.

(Signed) de Lapommeraye

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YEAR 1752

MAY 2

IN RE: CHARGE MADE AGAINST JOSEPH,  
NEGRO SLAVE, PROPERTY OF  
MR. DUBREUIL, AND HIS  
ACCOMPLICES.

Verification of Testimony given at  
Inquiry.

Upon hearing the testimony, previously given by them at the inquiry conducted in the matter of the charge made against Joseph, negro slave, belonging to Mr. Dubreuil, and his accomplices, read back to them, Simard, Maturin, Marion, a negress belonging to Mr. Darby, Jean Baptiste Maroteau and Louis Maroteau declare upon oath and in the presence of Mr. Hushet de Kernion, Councilor at the Superior Council, and of the Clerk of said Council, that said testimony is the truth. Simard, Maturin and Marion declare that they cannot sign said testimony because they can neither read nor write.

(Signed) Jean Baptiste Maroteau  
Louis Maroteau  
Hushet de Kernion  
Chantalou, Clerk

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YEAR 1752MAY 4

## SUCCESSION OF JACQUES CHAUVIN.

## Petition for Homologation.

Sieur Jacques Chauvin, having at his death, left an open account standing with Sieur Jacques Bellair, Dame Jeanne Douville, widow of said Sieur Chauvin, tutrix of their minor children, and Sieur Gregoire Volant, uncle and under-tutor, of said minors agreed with said Bellair to have the said account audited and agreed upon by arbitration.

Sieurs Caminada and Coux, arbiters, having reported that Sieur Jacques Bellair was indebted to the Chauvin succession in the sum of 5186 livres, Dame Jeanne Douville, widow Chauvin as tutrix, Sieur Volant as under-tutor of the Chauvin minors, and Sieur Bellair petition the Superior Council to have the decree of the arbiters homologated for the benefit of the minors.

(Signed) Volant  
Bellair  
Widow Chauvin

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HEARINGS OF MAY 6, 1752.

Presiding were; Messrs. de Vaudreuil, Governor; Michel, Commissioner General of the Navy, Ordainer, Superior Judge, D'Auberville, Commissioner of the Navy, Associate Judge; de Membrede, Major of New Orleans, Raguet, Counsellor; Le Breton, de Lalande, Kernion and Lafreniere, lateral judges.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED

In re: Mr. Chantalou in the name of and as holder of Power of Attorney of (name not given) vs Mr. de Chavoy in the name of and as tutor of the minor children of the late Mr. de Noyen. Judgment rendered in favor of plaintiff. The succession is ordered to pay the sum demanded by Plaintiff, together with costs.

In re: Mr. Fuzulier de la Clair vs Mr. Chantalou, Attorney for Vacant Estates, in charge of the succession of Camion. Judgment rendered in favor of plaintiff. Mr. Chantalou is ordered to pay the amount of the notes as soon as he shall have sufficient funds. The succession is condemned for costs.

In re: Mr. Visant, represented by (name torn and illegible) vs Mr. de Lapommeraye, in his capacity. Judgment is rendered ordering Mr. de Lapommeraye to render his account within one month from date of this judgment before Mr. Raguet, Commis-

sitioner appointed in this matter, and this proceeding is ordered submitted for a decision. Meanwhile the opposition is sustained until final judgment is rendered.

In re: Claude Chenice, as husband of the daughter of Brunet vs the Widow Brunet. Judgment rendered orders the plaintiff to file the account in question before Mr. Raguet, Counsellor, appointed Commissioner in this matter, and to report said proceeding that decision may be rendered thereon.

In re: Rene Chouteau vs Jean Jonoud. Default judgment was rendered against defendant for his having failed to appear, and he is ordered re-summoned to appear on the first hearing day. Costs reserved.

In re: Pierre Guenon vs Mr. Chantalou, in charge of the Succession of Ancelin as Attorney for Vacant Estates. Judgment rendered orders Mr. Chantalou to pay Guenon the amount of the note of the late Mr. Ancelin. The Succession is condemned for costs.

In re: Mr. Belair, Widow Chauvin, et al, plaintiff.  
Judgment rendered homologating the account in question and declaring Mr. Belair, debtor for the balance therein contained, in current money of the realm.

In re: Jacques Cantrelle in his capacity, plaintiff on petition.  
Judgment rendered decreeing that an investigation be made of the state and situation of the Widow in question and that a report thereof be duly submitted

before Mr. Raguet for further action, in accordance with Law.

In re: Mr. Desruisseaux, plaintiff on petition. Judgment rendered decrees that the donation in question be inscribed on the Register of donations.

In re: Dauberville in the name of and as husband of Mrs. de Coulange, widow Montbrun, plaintiff on filing account. Judgment was rendered, adjudicating the receipt and the expenses and approving the donation made to the Parish Church of (name illegible) and that made to the Jesuit Fathers. It was also decreed that Mr. Dauberville be discharged from all further obligation in the matter of said account; the Succession is ordered to pay all costs.

In re: Pierre Germain, plaintiff on petition. Judgment rendered reduces the costs to the sum of (amount illegible).

In conformity with original, paraphed by Hon. Michel, Commissioner General of the Navy, Superior Judge.

(Signed) Michel.

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## ANDRE SAUVINIEN CASE, A SUICIDE

Criminal Session of the Superior  
Council.Interrogatory of Sieur Pierre Cecille,  
Curator.

Present: Messrs. de Vaudreuil, Governor,  
 Michel, Intendant Commissary, First Judge  
 D'Auberville, Commissary of the Marine,  
 Second Judge  
 De Membrede, Major of New Orleans,  
 Raguet, Councillor, Dean of the Superior  
 Council  
 Le Bretton, de Lalande, de Kernion and  
 Lafreniere, Lateral Judges.

The Council sitting en banc proceeded to the in-  
 terrogatory of Sieur Pierre Cecille officially  
 appointed Curator for the defense of the good  
 name and memory of Andre Sauvinien, known as La  
 Rochelle, soldier of Benoist Company, accused of  
 homicide by a self-inflicted gun shot in the head.

The Curator, after stating his name, qualifications  
 and his age as 35, testifies that he had heard the  
 late Andre Sauvinien in his fits of madness say  
 that if he ever returned to France, he would kill  
 his father, and that he had several times attempted  
 to kill himself.

(Signed) Raguet	Vaudreuil
Delalande	Michel
Hushet de Kernion	Dauberville
Le Bretton	

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CASE OF ANDRE SAUVINIEN, A SUICIDE

Executive Session of the Superior Council

Decree

Present: Messrs. De Vaudreuil, Governor,  
Michel, Intendant Commissary, First Judge,  
D'Auberville, Commissary of the Marine,  
Second Judge,  
De Membrede, Major of New Orleans,  
Raguet, Councillor, Dean of the Superior  
Council,  
Le Bretton, De Lalande, de Kernion and  
Lafreniere, Lateral Judges.

The Superior Council, sitting en banc, to issue a final decree in the case of the late Andre Sauvinien, called La Rochelle, soldier of Benoist Company, in garrison in this city, accused of homicide by a self-inflicted gun shot in the head, Sieur Pierre Cecille, Colonist, having been officially appointed Curator, in default of relatives, to defend his good name and memory,

Considering the petition of the Attorney General issued in compliance to Ordinance of 1670,

The official reports of the examination and re-examination of four witnesses and Sieur Cecille, Curator, confrontation of witnesses and Sieur Cecille, all testimonials and evidence brought out at the inquiry, the Attorney General's opinion and demands and all other papers pertaining to said case,

The Council decrees that there is sufficient evidence to prove that the said Andre Sauvinien was not of sound mind, and having killed himself in a moment of mental alienation and a fit of madness, exculpates him from the charge of homicide and exonerates and rehabilitates his good name and memory.

(Signed) Dauberville  
Delalande  
Hushet de Kernion  
Le Bretton

Vaudreuil  
Michel  
Raguet

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL

## Succession of Sieur Francois Brunet

## Decree by Default

Sieur Claude Chenier having, in the name of his wife, Marie Louise Brunet, petitioned the Superior Council to get an accounting from Dame Jeanne Hubert, widow of Francois Brunet, of the succession of the said late Francois Brunet, said Dame Hubert not appearing at the trial, The Council, considering the foregoing petition, the opinion and demand of Attorney General, and all other papers pertaining to said case, issues a decree by default against defendant ordering said Dame Hubert to render, within six weeks, an account of her administration of the succession of her late husband, Sieur Francois Brunet, before Honorable Raguét, said report to be referred to the Council for a final decree. Cost pending.

By the Council

(Signed)

Received five livres.

Henri

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May 29, Notice.

Pursuant to the foregoing order issued on petition of Sieur Claude Chenier, acting in the name of his wife, Marie Louise Brunet, Sheriff Lenormand issues and delivers to Dame Jeanne Hubert, widow of Sieur Francois Brunet, notice of the foregoing judgment, said order to be executed within the proper delay.

(Signed) Lenormand

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## SUCCESSION OF SIEUR AND DAME LAUVE.

## Petition for Recovery

Petition by Sieur Chouteau, eating house-keeper for the payment of 130 livres due by Sieur Jacques Lauve, for board and lodging and as evidenced by his promissory note therefor, dated December 16, 1750, therewith attached.

Petitioner also prays that the money which defendant is about to receive from the succession of his father and mother be garnisheed at the Registry Office, up to the amount of said debt.

(Signed) Chouteau

Permit to summon.

(Signed) Michel

## Summons.

Pursuant to the foregoing order issued on petition of Sieur Chouteau, Sheriff Lenormand issues and delivers to Sieur Jacques Lauve copy of said petition and summons to appear in the Council Chamber to answer said petition and hear the proper decree in the case.

(Signed) Lenormand

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YEAR 1752MAY 6EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE SUPERIOR  
COUNCIL.

## Succession of Sieur de Laboulaye.

## Decree for accounting.

At the death of Sieur Claude Aquayede Laboulaye, an inventory was taken of his estate, and Dame Jeanne Trudeau, his widow, on her request, appointed tutrix of their two minor children: Jean Baptiste and Jeame Catherine Laboulaye, but having re-married to Sieur Guillaume Loquet de la Pommeraye, former treasurer of the Marine, without rendering an account of her administration of said estate, Sieur Villars Dubreuil, in his name and in the name of his wife, Demoiselle Marie Catherine de Laboulaye, now of age, petitioned the Superior Council to have Sieur de la Pommeraye, self-appointed curator, summoned before the Council to render an account of his administration of the succession of Sieur de Laboulaye.

Sieur de la Pommeraye, in his answer, prayed for a delay of one month to render said account and tried to sell some of the succession lands to which Sieur de Villars filed protest.

The Council considering the petition and protest of Sieur de Villars, the answer of Sieur de la Pommeraye and the opinion and demand of the Attorney General, decrees that Sieur de la Pommeraye be ordered to render account within one month of his administration of the succession of Sieur de Laboulaye and the protest of Sieur Villars duBreuil to the sale of the lands of said succession to be maintained until said account be rendered and approved.

By the Council  
Henri, Clerk

May 10,

Summons

Pursuant to the foregoing order issued on petition of Sieur Villars Dubreuil, Sheriff Lenormand issues copy of said order and delivers same to Sieur de la Pommeraye at his plantation.

(Signed) Lenormand

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DUPLICATE OF LETTER WRITTEN AT  
BORDEAUX BY A. M. BANCIO, SON OF  
SURGE TO MR. ROUDES, Sr., AT MARTINIQUE.

The writer informs Mr. Roudes that although quite a few vessels come from his home to Bordeaux, none bring news of him. He then expresses the hope that he has been able to profitably dispose of the boxes of hats sent him by the writer, of which fact he asks to be informed, adding that he would receive the proceeds. He closes with customary expressions of regard.

(Signed) A. M. Bancio, fils de Surge.

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YEAR 1752MAY 11TWO LETTERS BY THIBAUT de CHANVALON  
To MR. ROUDES, MERCHANT at ST. PIERRE.

## (First Letter)

The writer asks Mr. Roudes to secure several different things for him at St. Pierre, among which are two small barrels of lemons. He suggests that they be addressed to Mr. Monreau and that they be sent along with coffees which are being shipped the writer. He also asks Mr. Roudes to have the little bags of coffee weighed because it is absolutely necessary for the writer to know their weight. He also requests Mr. Roudes to be kind enough to get him a flounce of gray linen and some vests of dimity from Mr. Cheimbaud at the tailors' where he and the writer once went together, adding that their names are Latour & Bordies. In closing the writer says that he has just learned of the terrible fire which occurred at St. Pierre and begs Mr. Roudes to call upon him should he have suffered any loss thereby and he earnestly asks that he let the writer know immediately how he is in order to relieve the writer's anxiety concerning him.

(Signed) Thibault de Chanvalon

## (Second Letter)

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May 15, Deeply affected by the news that his friend, Mr. Roudes, lost everything in the fire at St. Pierre, he having been unable to save anything, not even his money nor

his papers, the writer earnestly entreats Mr. Roudes to come at once to stay with him, where he and his shall find friends in his misfortune. The writer closes with reiterated expressions of attachment for his beloved friend.

(Signed) Thibault de Chanvalon

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## IN RE: SUCCESSIONS OF LANGLOIS

## Proces Verbal of Family Meeting

On petition of Michel Fortier as husband of Perrine Langlois, as Guardian of the emancipated minors, Francois, Louis, Gerard and Auguste Langlois, and as agent of Mr. Populus de St. Protest, widower of a deceased sister of the Langlois children, all co-heirs in the successions of Mr. and Mrs. Langlois, their father and mother, order was rendered by the Superior Council decreeing that a family meeting be held for the purpose of deliberating upon the advisability of selling the immovable property belonging to said successions. Said meeting was held before Mr. Raguét, Councilor, appointed Commissioner in this matter. Present were: Mr. Michel Fortier, acting in his above-mentioned capacities, and the persons undersigned, all friends of said minors. After mature deliberation, it was unanimously decided by those present that, due to lack of necessary funds which would be required for the repair of the house in question and because of the lack of negroes, as well as funds, to cultivate the plantation in question, it would be to the best advantage of said minors if all of the immovable property, belonging to said successions, was sold.

(Signed) Garic

Avignon

Guesnon

Lemesle

Fortier

Laviolette

DuCros

Maxent

Francois Langlois

Undersigned Judge, Commissioner appointed in this matter, orders that, upon the recommendations of the Attorney General, the opinion reached at the foregoing proceeding be submitted to the Council for homologation.

(Signed) Raguet

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May 24, Recommendations of Attorney General. Having duly examined the proceedings had and the opinion given at said family meeting, undersigned Attorney General recommends that said proceeding had be homologated and that the opinion given at said family meeting be executed according to its form and tenor.

(Signed) Fleuriau

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June 3, Judgment. Undersigned Judge renders judgment homologating the proceedings had at said family meeting and decreeing that all of said immovable property be sold judicially before the Commissioner appointed in this matter and of the Attorney General and upon the observance of all the usual legal formalities. Said judgment further decrees that the proceeds of said sale be remitted in the manner required by law.

(Signed) Michel

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SUCCESSION OF DAME MARIE HACOBEE RABOY,  
WIFE OF FRANCOIS BOYER, COLONIST.

Statement of Cost of Court.

Setting of seals:

	Livres	Sols
To Commissioner,	10	
To Attorney General,	10	
To Clerk of Court,	7	10
To Sheriff,	5	

Raising of Seals and Inventory:

To Notary & Clerk of Court, three notices	22	10
To Attorney General, three notices	30	
To Sheriff Appraiser,	15	

For original papers and copies, 20

TOTAL, 120

Decree

The foregoing account approved; one-half to be paid by the heirs of the succession, and one-half by Sieur Boyer.

(Signed) Raguet

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SUCCESSION OF MADAME GERVAIS

Statement

Dame Gervais, having in trading, dating back to 1745, received from Sieur Benoist de Ste. Claire, letters of exchange and merchandises, her succession in an itemized statement was debited to the amount of 6589 livres 16 sols.

Several payments also itemized gave the succession a credit of 2821 livres 10 sols leaving a balance in favor of Sieur Benoist de Ste. Claire of 3768 livres 6 sols.

Sieur Benoist de Ste. Claire, with vouchers and receipts and a memorandum from Dame Gervais herself, to support his assertion, certifies that the foregoing statement is correct.

Signed by,

Benoist le Ste. Claire

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## PETITION

In re: Benoit de St. Clair

vs.

Mr. Fortier as Guardian of the  
Emancipated Minor Heirs of the  
Succession of the late Mrs.  
Gervais, Merchant.

Alleging that the late Mrs. Gervais, Merchant at New Orleans, is indebted to him in the sum of three thousand seven hundred sixty-eight livres six sols, petitioner, Mr. Benoit de St. Clair, prays for citation of Mr. Fortier, Guardian of the Langlois minors, emancipated, children of said deceased, who, in his capacity as Guardian of said minors, has charge of the funds belonging to the succession of said Mrs. Gervais, deceased, that he appear and be ordered to pay plaintiff said above-mentioned amount due him by the late Mrs. Gervais, plus interest and costs; or, in the alternative, petitioner prays that the Court decree that the order rendered by it on July 8, 1747, be executed according to its form and tenor. (This order decreed that before the claim in question was submitted to arbitration, all papers in support of said claim should be submitted to the two arbitrators, officially appointed) And that, in case of a dispute arising between said arbitrators, petitioner prays that the parties shall be free to choose as umpire, Mr. Olivier, Syndic of said succession, he having a complete understanding of the matter involved, and that the decision reached by said arbitrators shall then be submitted for final judgment.

(Signed) Benoit de St. Clair

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Order

Undersigned Judge grants  
petition for citation.

(Signed) D'Auberville

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May 29,

Sheriff's Return

Undersigned Sheriff makes his  
return showing service of citation on Mr.  
Fortier, in the name of and as Guardian of  
the succession of the late Mrs. Gervais, to  
appear in the Council Chamber on the morning  
of the first Saturday of June to answer  
plaintiff's petition, copy of which was also  
served on him.

(Signed) LeNormand

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