

17th Century *Engagé* Contracts to the Great Lakes and Beyond – 20 May 1682 to 15 May 1690 – Part 1

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On 2 May 1681, Louis XIV granted amnesty to the *coureurs de bois*. On the same day, he issued an edict which prohibited all trading with the Native Americans. On 22 May, he issued a royal ordinance which authorized Frontenac to issue up to 25 *congés* or licenses to trade per year. Each *congé* permitted three men in one canoe to travel to the *pays d'en haut* to trade. Frontenac was instructed to distribute the licenses equally among all the settlers; in addition, no one would be permitted to obtain a *congé* two years in succession. Frontenac chose to delay issuing the licenses until the following year.¹ The following index to *engagé* (hiring) contracts was translated and transcribed from E.Z. Massicotte, "Répertoire des engagements pour l'ouest conservés dans les Archives Judiciaires de Montréal (1670-1778)," *Rapport de L'archiviste de la Province de Québec pour 1929-1930* (Québec: Rédempti Paradis, 1930) pp. 195-199. Wherever possible, names have been standardized per Jetté. Some of the individuals listed below cannot be identified with certainty because they do not appear in Jetté, or because only a surname or *dit* name appears in Massicotte.² The name of the notary appears in brackets at the end. The following additional information should be kept in mind when reading this index. In some cases, Massicotte did not name all of the *engageurs* found in the actual contract. The *engageur* may not have been present when the contract was recorded; he or she could have been represented by an individual holding a power of attorney. In some cases, the *engageur* accompanied the men he hired on the voyage. In addition to the *engagé* contracts, the following other types of contracts could indicate that an individual travelled to the Great Lakes, or the Mississippi Valley (the list is non-exhaustive): partnerships, associations, societies, obligations to merchants and others for goods purchased for the voyages, and donations in the event of death. Readers should, therefore, consult other contracts recorded shortly before or after the *engagé* contract. These contracts were not indexed in Massicotte's report. The hiring contracts listed in Massicotte's report only include the contracts from Montréal; other contracts can be found in the repertoires of notaries practicing in other judicial districts of present-day Québec. Researchers can order the notary's microfilms at your local Family History Center, or consult microfilms on permanent loan at your local Family History Center. Antoine Adhémar's films for this period are on permanent loan at the Family History Center in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

- 20 May 1682 – **François Hazeur** and **Charles de Monseignat** hired **Nicolas Pré** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Maugue]
- 2 April 1683 – **Sieurs Jean Lefebvre, Jean Dupuis, and Jacques Cardinal** hired **Pierre Duveau** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Maugue]
- 8 April 1683 – **Pierre Chesne** and **Laurent Benoît**, his associate, hired **Jean Baptiste Beauvais** to accompany them on a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Maugue]
- 25 March 1685 – **Antoine Bazinet** hired **Charles Deniau dit Destailis** for a voyage to Sault Ste. Marie [Bourgine]
- 19 April 1685 – **Sieurs Simon Guillory** and **Étienne Campeau** hired **Gilles Deniau** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Maugue]
- 6 May 1685 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Louis Hurtubise** for a trip to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Bourgine]

¹ Public Archives of Canada, Edouard Richard, Archivist, *Supplement to Dr. Brymner's Report on Canadian Archives 1889* (Ottawa, Ontario: S.E. Dawson, 1901), 76; On 13 November 1680, Duchesneau made recommendations regarding an amnesty and *congés* (or permits). He also made a number of complaints regarding Frontenac's personal involvement in the fur trade. See John Romeyn Brodhead (agent) and E.B. O'Callaghan, M.D. (editor) *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of New York* (Albany, New York: Weed, Parsons and Co, 1855), hereafter *NYCD*, Vol. 9, 140-149 (excerpts from Duchesneau's memo to Colbert; Frontenac's letter regarding the licenses; he also defended himself against the charges against him and shifted the blame for abuses to Duchesneau and the *Conseil Souverain*); 163 (excerpts from a 13 November 1681 Duchesneau memo); University of Toronto and Université Laval, *Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online*, (<http://www.biographi.ca/index-e.html>), hereafter *DCB*; Justin Winsor, editor, *Narrative and Critical History of America, French Explorations and Settlements in North America and Those of the Portuguese, Dutch and Swedes, 1500-1700* (Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1884), Vol. 4, 185 (Duchesneau's 13 November 1681 complaint about Frontenac's and other's trading with the English).

² René Jetté, *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles du Québec des origines à 1730* (Montréal: Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal: 1983).

- 6 May 1685 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Nicolas Lepileur** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Bourgine]
- 6 May 1685 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Joachim Leber** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Bourgine]
- 3 May 1685 – **Robert Janot** and **Jacques Chaperon**³ hired **Michel Dagenais** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Bourgine]
- 11 May 1685 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Léonard Simon** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Bourgine]
- 21 May 1685 – **René Legardeur, sieur de Beauvais**, hired **Léon Girard** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Basset]
- 24 May 1685 – **Michel Messier, sieur de St Michel**, hired **François Brunet** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Bourgine]
- 26 June 1685 – **Pierre Lesueur** hired **Laurent Castel** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Basset]
- 26 June 1685 – **Sieur Pierre Lesueur** hired **Pierre Pérusseau** and **Georges Forel** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Basset]
- 7 August 1685 – **Paul d'Ailleboust, sieur de Périgny**, and **Denis Joseph Juchereau, sieur de LaFerté**, hired **Laurent Glory** for a voyage to the *Stadois* [Bourgine]
- 15 February 1686 – **Vital Oriot, Charles Delaunay**, and **Pierre Bisaillon** were hired to make the journey that **Couture Baret** and **Jacques Filiatrault** would make with **Messieur Henri de Tonty** [Documents judiciaires, pièces S.S.P.]
- 3 May 1686 – **Pierre Chesne** and **François Dubois** hired **Pierre Dextra** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Maugue]
- 3 September 1687 – **Jean Baptiste Ménard** hired **Laurent Glory** to make a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 1 April 1688 – **Sieur Antoine Pacaud** hired **Joseph Durbois** for a voyage to the Illinois [Basset]
- 16 April 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Jacques Millot dit Laval** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 13 May 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Claude Guichard, Mathurin Roy**, and **Jean Roy** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 13 May 1688 – **Jean Baptiste Migeon, sieur de Branssat**, and **Michel Messier, sieur de St Michel**, hired **René Deniau** for a voyage des *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 14 May 1688 – **Nicolas Perrot** hired **Jacques Mousseau** for a voyage to the Mascouten and Sioux [Antoine Adhémar]
- 15 May 1688 – **Sieur Boisguillot** hired **Simon Cardinal** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 18 May 1688 – **Jean Baptiste Migeon, sieur de Branssat, Léger Hébert**, and **Michel Messier, sieur de St Michel**, hired **Jean Baptiste Lemarche** for a voyage des *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 20 May 1688 – **Nicolas Perrot** hired **François Vaudry** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 3 June 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Pierre Lamy** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 6 June 1688 – **M^r de Boisguillot** hired **Maurice Cardin** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 17 June 1688 – **M^r de Boisguillot** hired **Michel Charbonneau** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 27 June 1688 – **René Legardeur, sieur de Beauvais**, hired **François Bourassa** and **Joachim Jacques Leber** for a voyage des *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 3 July 1688 – **René Legardeur, sieur de Beauvais**, hired **Joseph Boyer** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]

³ Massicotte stated that Michel Dagenais was the *engageur*; however the summary of Bourgine's contracts states that Chapron and Jannot were the *engageurs* (Hilaire Bourgine and Antoine Roy (editor), *Inventaire des Greffes des Notaires du Régime Français* (Québec: 1948), Volume 11 (XI), 7.

- 4 July 1688 – **René Legardeur, sieur de Beauvais**, hired **Pierre Bourdeau** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 5 July 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Charles Deniau** and **Jacques Deniau** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 5 July 1688 – **François Daupin, sieur de LaForest**, hired **Rouillard** and **Froment** for a voyage to the Illinois [Antoine Adhémar]
- 20 July 1688 – **Guillaume Couture** and **Constant Lemarchand, sieur de Lignery**, hired **François Laberge** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 23 July 1688 – **François Daupin, sieur de LaForest**, hired **Antoine Morin** for a voyage to the Illinois [Antoine Adhémar]
- 24 July 1688 – **François Daupin, sieur de LaForest**, hired **Antoine Beaujean** for a voyage to Fort St Louis in Illinois [Antoine Adhémar]
- 26 July 1688 – **François Daupin, sieur de La Forest**, hired **Jean Hurtubise** for a voyage *au poste* de Illinois [Antoine Adhémar]
- 27 July 1688 – **François Daupin, sieur de La Forest**, hired **François Demers** for a voyage *au pays des Illinois*. [Antoine Adhémar]
- 29 July 1688 – **François Daupin, sieur de La Forest**, hired **François Tardif** for a voyage to Illinois [Antoine Adhémar]
- 29 July 1688 – **Louis Bossé** and **Jacques David** hired **Charles Bélanger** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 30 July 1688 – **Nicolas Perrot** hired **Louis Hubert dit Lacroix** and **Ignace Hubert dit Lacroix, frères**, for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 30 July 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **René Mallet** for a trip to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 30 July 1688 – **Adrien Neveu/Nepveu, sieur de Bacqueville**, hired **Bernard Brouillet** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 30 July 1688 – **Ignace Hébert** hired **Gilles Chauvin** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 31 July 1688 – **Nicolas Perrot** hired **Joseph Goulet** and **Pierre Trudeau** for a voyage to the Mascouten and Sioux [Antoine Adhémar]
- 31 July 1688 – **M^r de Boisguillot** hired **Jean Cardinal** and **Gabriel Cardinal, frères**, for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 31 July 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Louis Hurtubise** for a trip to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 31 July 1688 – **M^r de Boisguillot** hired **Nicolas Jetté** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 4 August 1688 – **Edmond Chorel, sieur de Saint Romain**, hired **Pierre Jutras** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 31 July 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Jean Brisset** for a trip to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 31 July 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Jacques Dey?** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 1 August 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Louis Gauthier** and **François Primeau** for a trip to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 1 August 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Jean Goguet** for a trip to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 1 August 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Vincent Poupeau** for a trip to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 1 August 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Julien Joyal** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- On 1 August 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Jacques Lemoine** for a trip to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 1 August 1688 – **Marguerite Morisseau**, widow of **François Pelletier dit Antaya**, hired **Jean Beaugrand** and **Jean Coutu** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar – two contracts]
- 1 August 1688 – **Jacques Baston** hired **Paul Raze** for a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]

- 2 August 1688 – *Sr de Boisguillot* hired **François Rivard** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 2 August 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Pierre Cadieux** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 4 August 1688 – **Sieur Charles Lemaître** hired **Maurice Bénard** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 4 August 1688 – **Gabriel Bérard dit Lépine** hired **Louis Hus** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 4 August 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Alexandre Petit** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 4 August 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Étienne Beaufort** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 4 August 1688 – **François Lucas** and **Barthélemi David** hired **Pierre Burel** for a voyage des *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 6 August 1688 – **Claude Greysolon, sieur de LaTourette**, hired **Robert Campion** for a trip to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 8 August 1688 – **M^r de Boisguillot** hired **Louis Couc** for a voyage to *Baie du Puants* (present-day Green Bay, Wisconsin) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 19 August 1688 – **Antoine Lafaye** and **Gilbert Leroux** hired **Jean Prévost** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 28 August 1689 – **Nicolas Perrot** hired **Louis Duquet**, **Louis Provencher**, and **Étienne Benoît** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 29 August 1689 – **François Daupin, sieur de LaForest**, hired **Jacques Filiatrault**, **Srs. Maillot**, **Cardinal, Fafard**, and **Morin** for a voyage to Fort St Louis in Illinois. [Antoine Adhémar]
- 29 August 1689 – **François Daupin, sieur de LaForest**, hired Antoine Desrosiers and **Claude Tétreau** for a voyage to Fort St Louis in Illinois [Antoine Adhémar]
- 27 April 1690 – **Jean Turcot** hired **Joseph Pacaud?** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Maugue]
- 5 May 1690 – **François Daupin, sieur de LaForest**, hired **Joseph Fafard dit Lafresnaye** for a voyage *au pays des Illinois* [Antoine Adhémar]
- 7 May 1690 – **François Garconnes de Boisrondel/t** hired **Eustache Demers** and **François Demers, frères**, for a voyage *au pays des Illinois* [Antoine Adhémar]
- 8 May 1690 – **Jean Vinet** hired **Jean Sicot** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Maugue]
- 8 May 1690 – **Jean Paquet**, **Jean Sappin**, and **François Couturier** hired **Jacques Lemoine** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Maugue]
- 5 May, 7 May, and 8 May 1690 – **François Garconnes de Boisrondel/t**, acting for **François Daupin, sieur de LaForest**, hired **Daniel Joseph Amiot**, **Joseph Bénard**, **Joseph Fafard**, **Louis Fafard, frères**, and **Jean Lat** for a voyage to the Illinois [Antoine Adhémar – four contracts]
- 8 May 1690 – **Louis de Laporte, sieur de Louvigny**, hired **Benoît Bisailon** for a voyage to the *Stadois* [Antoine Adhémar]
- 8 May 1690 – **Jean Baptiste Migeon, sieur de Bransat**, hired **Gabriel Lemieux** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 10 May 1690 – **Alphonse Tonty** hired **Pierre Leboeuf** for a voyage *des Illinois* [Antoine Adhémar]
- 11 May 1690 – **René Legardeur, sieur de Beauvais**, hired **Pierre Bourdeau**, **André Babeu**, **François Bourassa**, and **Joachim Leber** for a voyage to Michilimackinac [Antoine Adhémar]
- 11 May 1690 – **Nicolas Perrot** hired **Jean Cusson**, and **Michel Cusson, frères**, for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 12 May 1690 – **François Charron** hired **Jacques Denoyon** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Maugue]
- 13 May 1690 – **Léonard Battanchon** hired **Jean Gauthier dit Sanguingoir** for a voyage to the Illinois [Antoine Adhémar]
- 14 May 1690 – **Jean Boudor**, acting as an agent for *Sr Boisguillot*, hired **Michel Étienne**, **Louis de Laporte dit St. Georges**, and **Jean Leclerc** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar – three contracts]
- 15 May 1690 – **Jean Boudor**, acting as an agent for *M^r de Boisguillot*, hired **Nicolas Petit dit Beauchemin** for a voyage to the *Stadois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]

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