

**17<sup>th</sup> Century Engagé Contracts to the Great Lakes and Beyond – 27 May 1695 – 18 August 1700 – Part 3**

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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. 204 – 205. 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.

Readers are reminded that on 21 May 1696, Louis XIV ordered all of the posts except Fort St. Louis closed due to the oversupply of beaver. A year later on 28 April 1697, in an effort to keep the Native Americans in the Great Lakes under French influence, Louis XIV issued an ordinance which permitted Forts Frontenac, Michilimackinac, and St. Joseph of the Miami to remain open with the same number of officers and soldiers. The ordinance expressly forbade the officers and soldiers from trading in any form and ordered the officers and soldiers to arrest any French Canadian who was trading with the Native Americans. Instead of following Louis XIV’s orders, Louis de Buade, *Comte de Frontenac*, Governor of New France, closed the posts because he felt that the officers and soldiers could not subsist at the posts without trading.<sup>2</sup>

- 27 May 1695 – **Sieurs Jacques Brisset** and **François Fafard, sieur Delorme**, hired **Pierre Gélinas** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 31 May 1695 – **Sieur Louis Dupuis** hired **Joseph Lépine** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 3 June 1695 – **Sieur Charles Deniau** hired **René Dupuis** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 6 June 1695 – **Antoine de Lamothe, sieur de Cadillac**, hired **Jean Dionet** to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Bénigne Basset]
- 7 June 1695 – **Sieur Jacques Arrive dit Delisle** hired **Mathieu Perrin** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 7 June 1695 – **Pierre You, sieur LaDécouverte**, hired **Jacques Joachim** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Bénigne Basset]
- 7 June 1695 – **Antoine de Lamothe, sieur de Cadillac**, hired **Michel Charbonneau** to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Antoine Adhémar]
- 9 June 1695 – **Sieur Jean Maillot** hired **Jean Morisseau** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 9 June 1695 – **Sieur Jean Leclerc** hired **Nicolas Vanasse** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]

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<sup>1</sup> René Jetté, *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles du Québec des origines à 1730* (Montréal: Les Presses de l’Université de Montréal: 1983).

<sup>2</sup> University of Toronto and Université Laval, *Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online*, (<http://www.biographi.ca/index-e.html>), Callière’s, Champigny’s and Frontenac’s biographies; additional details and sources can be found in Part VI of the Great-Lakes Timeline published in the April 2011 issue of *MHH*.

- 10 June 1695 – **Jean Baptiste Bissot, sieur de Vincennes**, hired **Jean Séguin** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 10 June 1695 – **Jacques Arrive** hired **Jean Venne** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 11 June 1695 – **Charles Juchereau** hired **François Vaudry** and **Bernard Brouillet** to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Antoine Adhémar]
- 12 June 1695 – **Sieur François Couturier** hired **Paul Jetté** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 13 June 1695 – **Sieur François Couturier** hired **Pierre Benoît** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 13 June 1695 – **Augustin Legardeur, sieur de Courtemanche**, and **Jean Baptiste Bissot, sieur de Vincennes**, hired **Robert Réaume** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 13 June 1695 – **François Couturier** hired **Pierre Benoît** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 13 June 1695 – **Jean Arnaud** and **Robert Janot dit Lachapelle** hired **Gilles Brouillet dit Laviolette** to make a voyage to the l'Ouest [West] [François Simonnet]
- 13 June 1695 – **Florent Leclerc** hired **Joseph Robert** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 13 June 1695 – **Pierre Chesne dit Saint-Onge** hired **Thomas Chartrand** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 13 June 1695 – **Sieur Antoine Pacaud** hired **Joseph Demers** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 13 June 1695 – **Sieur Antoine Pacaud** hired **Urbain Bonnier** and **Louis Guertin** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 4 September 1695 – **Sieur Pierre Lesueur** hired **Julian Bariteau dit Lamarche** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Bénigne Basset]
- 10 April 1696 – **Sieurs François Demers, Pierre Trudeau**, and **Étienne Benoît** hired **Pierre Roy** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 16 April 1696 – **Joseph Lorain** hired **Mathurin Moquin** to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Bénigne Basset]
- 21 August 1696 – **Sieur Edmond Chorel** hired **Pierre Masson, Pierre Laquerre**, and **Jean Pepin**, to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 24 August 1696 – **Sieur Alexandre Turpin** hired **Jean Lalonde** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Claude Maugue]
- 2 September 1696 – **Antoine de Lamothe, sieur de Cadillac**, hired **Jean Lalonde dit Lespérance** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 22 September 1697 – **Sieur Jean Desbroyeux** hired **Bernard Brouillet** to make a voyage to Michilimackinac [Jean Baptiste Pothier]
- 22 July 1698 – **François de Montigny** hired **Joseph Charbonneau** and **Jean Claude Fezeret** to make a voyage to the Arkansas [Antoine Adhémar – two contracts]
- 1 August 1699 – The **Jesuits** hired **Claude Parent** [Antoine Adhémar – the contract is missing]
- 22 August 1699 – The **Jesuits** hired **Antoine Renaud** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 28 April 1700 – The **Jesuits** hired **Claude Chasle** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 1 May 1700 – **Sieur Jean Boudor** hired **Toussaint Pothier** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]
- 7 August 1700 – **Francois Daupin, sieur de La Forest**, hired **Adrien Robillard** to make a voyage to the Illinois [Antoine Adhémar]
- 9 August 1700 – **Francois Daupin, sieur de La Forest**, hired **Jacques Perrier** and **François Perrier, frères**, to make a voyage to Fort St. Louis [Antoine Adhémar]
- 9 August 1700 – **Francois Daupin, sieur de La Forest**, hired **Bernard Brouillet** and **Gilles Brouillet, frères**, to make a voyage to the Illinois [Antoine Adhémar]
- 18 August 1700 – The **Jesuits** hired **Jean Deniger dit Sansoucy** to make a voyage to the *Sta8ois* (Ottawa Indians) [Antoine Adhémar]