

Engagé Contracts to Détroit – 5 March 1739 to 1 June 1739 – Part 7

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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. 370 – 375. Whenever possible, names have been standardized per Jetté.¹ In a few cases I have added a “?” following the name for one of the following reasons: (1) the notary and Massicotte recorded a common *dit* name in the record without recording the surname; (2) the spelling of the surname may be a misreading of the original or could represent more than one surname; (3) the surname does not appear in Jetté. Information added appears in brackets. The name of the notary appears in brackets at the end of the entry. Researchers can order the microfilms for most notaries at your local Family History Center. French summaries of many, but not all, of the contracts included in Massicotte’s reports are summarized in the *Voyageur Contracts Database*, a project compiled by the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Ottawa. See http://shsb.mb.ca/en/Voyageurs_database for an explanation of this database. See <http://voyageurs.shsb.mb.ca/en/AdvSearch.aspx> for the advanced search form. Researchers can use this database to search for individuals hired for voyages to other locations.

- 5 March 1739 – **Sieur Barthélemi Métivier** hired **Pierre Lafleur** [a *dit* name] to make a voyage to Détroit [François Simonnet]
- 19 May 1739 – **Charles François Tarieu dit LaPérade and LaNaudière** hired **Joseph Laporte** to make a voyage to Détroit [Louis Claude Danré de Blanzly]
- 23 May 1739 – **Charles François Tarieu dit LaPérade and LaNaudière** hired **Pierre Durocher** to make a voyage to Détroit [Louis Claude Danré de Blanzly]
- 25 May 1739 – **Sieur Pierre Chesne dit La Butte** hired **Jean Baptiste Dufresne, Joseph Pepin, and Jean Baptiste Pepin** to make a voyage to Détroit [François Simonnet – 3 contracts]
- 27 May 1739 – **Charles François Tarieu dit LaPérade and LaNaudière** hired **Louis Haguenier, François Haguenier, and Jean Boyer** to make a voyage to Détroit [Louis Claude Danré de Blanzly – 3 contracts]
- 29 May 1739 – **Charles François Tarieu dit LaPérade and LaNaudière** hired **Jean Jacques Robert** to make a voyage to Détroit [Louis Claude Danré de Blanzly]
- 29 May 1739 – **Sieur Pierre Chesne dit La Butte** hired **Pierre Veronneau, Jacques Bénard/Besnard, and Louis Gazaille** to make a voyage to Détroit [François Simonnet – 3 contracts]
- 31 May 1739 – **Sieur Catin** [probably Henri] hired **Bazile Giard** to make a voyage to Détroit [François Simonnet]
- 31 May 1739 – **Sieur Pierre Chesne dit La Butte** hired **Pierre Bourdon, François Delaunay, Jean Baptiste Benoît, René Lebeau, Michel Boisvert** [a *dit* name], and **Alexis Ratel** to make a voyage to Détroit [François Simonnet – 6 contracts]
- 31 May 1739 – **Barthélemi Métivier** hired **Joseph Larivière** [a *dit* name] to make a voyage to Détroit [Jean Baptiste Adhémar]
- 31 May 1739 – **François Auger dit Lajeunesse** hired **Eustache Demers** to make a voyage to Détroit [Louis Claude Danré de Blanzly]
- 31 May 1739 – **Charles François Tarieu dit LaPérade and LaNaudière** hired **Clément Rougier dit Lafrance** to make a voyage to Détroit [Louis Claude Danré de Blanzly]
- 1 June 1739 – **Sieur Pierre Chesne dit La Butte** hired **Pierre Achin dit St. André and Unknown St. Marc dit Braconnier/Branconnier** to make a voyage to Détroit [François Simonnet – 2 contracts]
- 1 June 1739 – **Sieur Barthélemi Métivier** hired **Paul Baugis** to make a voyage to Détroit [François Simonnet]
- 1 June 1739 – **Pierre Gournay dit Latour** hired **Pierre Laroche and Jean Laroche** to make a voyage to Détroit [Jean Baptiste Adhémar – 2 contracts]

To be continued

¹ René Jetté, *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles du Québec des origines à 1730* (Montréal: Les Presses de l’Université de Montréal: 1983). Jetté’s dictionary stops in 1730; therefore, the *engagé* contracts for this period are not covered in his dictionary.