

CASTLE OF ST. LOUIS.

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Quebec, 26th April, 1856.

SIR,—Upon going over the books which contain the deeds of *foi et hommage* of the proprietors of Fiefs and Seigniories in Lower Canada since the year 1780, I have been able to gather the following information which I have the honor to communicate to you in Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General bearing date the 28th February last, in relation to Commutations of Seigniories and *droit de quint*.

On the 29th February, 1780, Mr. Chartier de Lotbinière paid to William Grant, Esq., Deputy Receiver General, £651 17s. for the *droit de quint* due to His Majesty [one third deducted] upon his purchase of the Seignior of Rigaud, in accordance with the deed of Sale passed at Paris before a Notary on the 2nd April, 1763, between Mr de Vaudreuil, late Governor of Montreal, and Michel Chartier de Lotbinière, Seignior.

On the 12th May, 1798, the same Seignior paid to Henry Caldwell, Esq., Receiver General, £129 10s. 6d. [with one-third deducted], for the *quint* upon his purchase of the Seignior of Lotbinière.

On the 10th October, 1798, the Honorable Chartier de Lotbinière paid to the same Receiver General £100 on account of the *quint* due upon the Seigniories of Vaudreuil and Rigaud.

On the 15th October, 1798, the same Seignior paid £50 on account of the *quint* due upon the same Seigniories.

On the 5th November, 1808, Josias Wurtele, Esq., paid to the Receiver General £195 for the *quint* upon his purchase of the Fief and Seignior of the River David.

On the 21st December, 1808, William Yule, Esq., paid £204 for the *quint* upon his purchase of the Fief and Seignior of Beaulac. [one quarter remitted.]

On the 25th September, 1809, Mr. Patrick Langan, and others paid £100 for *droit de quint* upon their purchase of the Fief and Seignior of Mingan [one-third deducted.]

On the 1st March, 1810, Pierre de Sales Laterrière, Esq., paid £133 6s. 4d. for *quint* upon the Fief and Seignior of Les Eboulements [one-third deducted.]

On the 11th June, 1810, John Blackwood, Esq., paid the *quint* upon the purchase of the Fief and Seignior of the River La Magdelaine. The amount of this *quint* is not mentioned.

On the 13th April, 1811, Joseph Couillard Dupré, Esq., paid £3, the *quint* upon his purchase of a portion of the Fief and Seignior of Notre Dame de l'Islet de Bonsecours.

On the 10th September, 1811, Jean Baptiste Lozeau, Esq., paid the *quint* upon his purchase of about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Seignior of Nicolet. The amount of this *quint* is not mentioned.

On the 4th February, 1812, James Johnson, Esq., paid the *quint* upon his purchase of all the continuation of the Fief and Seignior of Gatineau, [one-third deducted.] Amount not mentioned.

In 1812, Messrs. Joseph and Jean Baptiste Talbot dit Gervais, paid the *quint* upon their purchase of part of the Seignior of Rivière du Sud. Amount not mentioned.

On the 9th November, 1813, Jean Baptiste Noel, Esq., paid the *quint* upon his purchase of the Fiefs and Seigniories of Tilly, Bonsecours, Duquet, and Belle Plaine. The amount not mentioned.

On the 3rd October, 1814, Mathew Stuart, Esq., paid the *quint* [amount not mentioned] upon his purchase of the Fief and Seignior of Shoobred.