



## MICHEL BIBAUD

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As a number of members of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society have expressed the opinion that Judge Sicotte's memoir on MICHEL BIBAUD should be made available to English readers we have thought well to reproduce an English translation.



MICHEL BIBAUD was born at Côte-des-Neiges on the 20th of January, 1782. His parents were humble farmers. Owing to their limited means, he was unable to begin his studies at an early age, but he relates the circumstances under which he developed his strong taste for the study of the sciences.

"If you will allow me", he observes with the modesty that always relegated him to the second place when he should have ranked first, "if you will allow me to speak of myself, I may tell you it was principally by reading newspapers of a scientific and literary character, that I was led to a regular course of studies. From childhood I was anxious to learn, but this craving for knowledge was