

“consideration of the services rendered by the said  
“César to the said Sieur Gamelin since more than thirty  
“years, and on the other hand in consideration of ser-  
“vices, rendered by the said Marie to the said Baronne  
“de Longueuil and to the late Baron and all his family  
“from the days when she was able to serve. I the un-  
“dersigned being permitted so to do by Messire Isam-  
“bart, Curé de Longueuil, do receive their mutual con-  
“sent by word of mouth and to give them the nuptial  
“blessing in the presence on the husband’s side of the  
“said Sieur Gamelin Lagemeraye and on the side of  
“the wife Madame Marie Catherine Deschambeault,  
“Baronne douairière de Longueuil and Mr. Joseph  
“Fleury Deschambeault, agent of the company, (sic)  
“undersigned.

(Sgd) DESCHAMBEAULT. Longueuil. IGNACE GAMELIN.

J. ISAMBART, Pte. Curé de Longueuil,

IGNACE GAMELIN.

The consent of the proprietors of these slaves to marry meant emancipation as may be seen by the “Act of Consent,” which reads as follows:

“The undersigned do hereby consent and permit  
“Jacques César, my negro, to marry Marie negress of  
“Madame la Baronne de Longueuil, on condition that  
“Madame de Longueuil shall liberate from slavery her  
“said negress. As I liberate César, and he sha’ll not  
“pretend nor understand that I liberate him for any  
“other purpose nor for any other marriage. Written  
“in duplicate, Montreal, this 20th January, 1761.

(Sgd) IGNACE GAMELIN.

“I the undersigned permit Marie, my negress, who  
“during the last three years has begged me to permit  
“her to marry César the negro owned by Mr. Gamelin,  
“who is by him liberated for that purpose, consent to  
“this intended marriage, grant her liberty, as Mr.  
“Gamelin has done to César on condition however that  
“both shall remain in my service for three years, and  
“I shall pay them 200 livres per annum. I promise