

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

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NEW RICHMOND BUILT

Recalling two vessels, the schooner
"LARK" and the brig "RICHMOND",
built at New Richmond prior to 1800.

Ken Annett

SALE OF THE SCHOONER "LARK", 16 MAY 1793

Before the Public Notaries for the City of Québec and Province of Lower Canada hereunto subscribing, residing in said City, Personally came and appeared Mr. Louis Dubord of Bonaventure in the Province of Québec, Mariner, at present of the said City of Québec and Mr. John Walter, also of the said City of Québec, Merchant, when the said Louis Dubord of his own free will acknowledged and declared that for and in consideration of the sum of money herein after mentioned, to have bargained, sold, transferred and made over and by these Presents doth hereby for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, bargain, sell, transfer and make over unto the said Mr. John Walker, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, from henceforth and for ever and free from claims, demands and pretentions whatsoever of any Person or Persons, all that Schooner or Vessel called the LARK, of the Burthen of Fifty three Tons and one half Ton, Together with all and singular her masts, yards, sails, anchors, cables, ropes, rigging, tackle, furniture and all and every appurtenances under whatever name or designation the same may be known or called, belonging and appertaining unto the said Schooner called the LARK as she now lies in this Port of Québec, being satisfied with her as she now stands and is delivered.

To Have and To Hold the said schooner or vessel, the LARK, with all and sundry her masts, yards, sails, anchors, cables, ropes, rigging, furniture and every part and parcel of the same unto the said Mr. John Walter, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns and as and for his and their proper use, benefit and advantage from henceforth and for ever, the said Louis Dubord, for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators or Curators hereby covenanting, promising and agreeing to warrant and defend the bargained and transferred Premises from all claims and demands whatsoever -

Which said vessel or schooner, the LARK, agreeable to the Act of Parliament made in the Twenty sixth year of the Reign of His Present Majesty, George the Third obtained a Register at the Port of New Carlisle in the Province of Lower Canada, of which the following, agreeable to the said Statute in Case of Transfer is a true copy -

"In pursuance of an Act passed in the Twenty sixth year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled, An Act for the further increase and encouragement of Shipping and navigation, Louis Dubord

of Bonaventure in the Province of Québec, Mariner, having taken and subscribed the Oath required by this Act, and having sworn that he is the sole owner of the ship or vessel called the LARK of Bonaventure, District of Gaspee, whereof Louis Dubord is at present Master, and that the said ship or vessel was built at New Richmond in the Province of Québec and District of Gaspee in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety as appears by a Certificate of Registry granted at this Port of New Carlisle the twenty ninth day of October, 1790, here delivered up and cancelled on account of a transfer of property at this Port, and Richard Nevison having certified to us that the said ship or vessel is British Plantation built, has one deck and two masts, that her length from the forepart of the main stem to the afterpart of the stern post aloft is Fifty one and a half feet, her breadth at the broadest part, whether above or below the main wales fifteen feet Ten inches, Depth of Hold seven feet seven inches and admeasure Fifty three and one half tons. That she is a square sterned schooner, has no Gallery and no Head, and the said subscribing owner having consented and agreed to the above description and admeasurement and having caused sufficient security to be given as required by the said Act, the said schooner, LARK, has been duely Registered at the Port of New Carlisle, District of Gaspee -

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office at the Custon House in the said Port of New Carlisle this Thirtieth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

(Signed) Oliver O'Hara
Deputy Collector

In Consideration of which foresaid hereby bargained vessel or schooner the said Mr. John Walter had covenanted, promised and agreed to pay unto him, the said Louis Dubord, the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds, Halifax Currency, the Receipt of which said sum of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds satisfied unto him, the said Louis Dubord, is hereby acknowledged and the said John Walter discharged therefrom.

This done and passed at New York this sixteenth day of May at
the office of Charles Stewart, one of the subscribing Notaries, in
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three,
the same having first been read over and approved and explained in
the French Language by the said Louis Dubois, there remaining this
instrument deposited in the office of the said Charles Stewart, one of
the subscribing Notaries.

Witness my hand and seal this sixteenth day of May 1793.

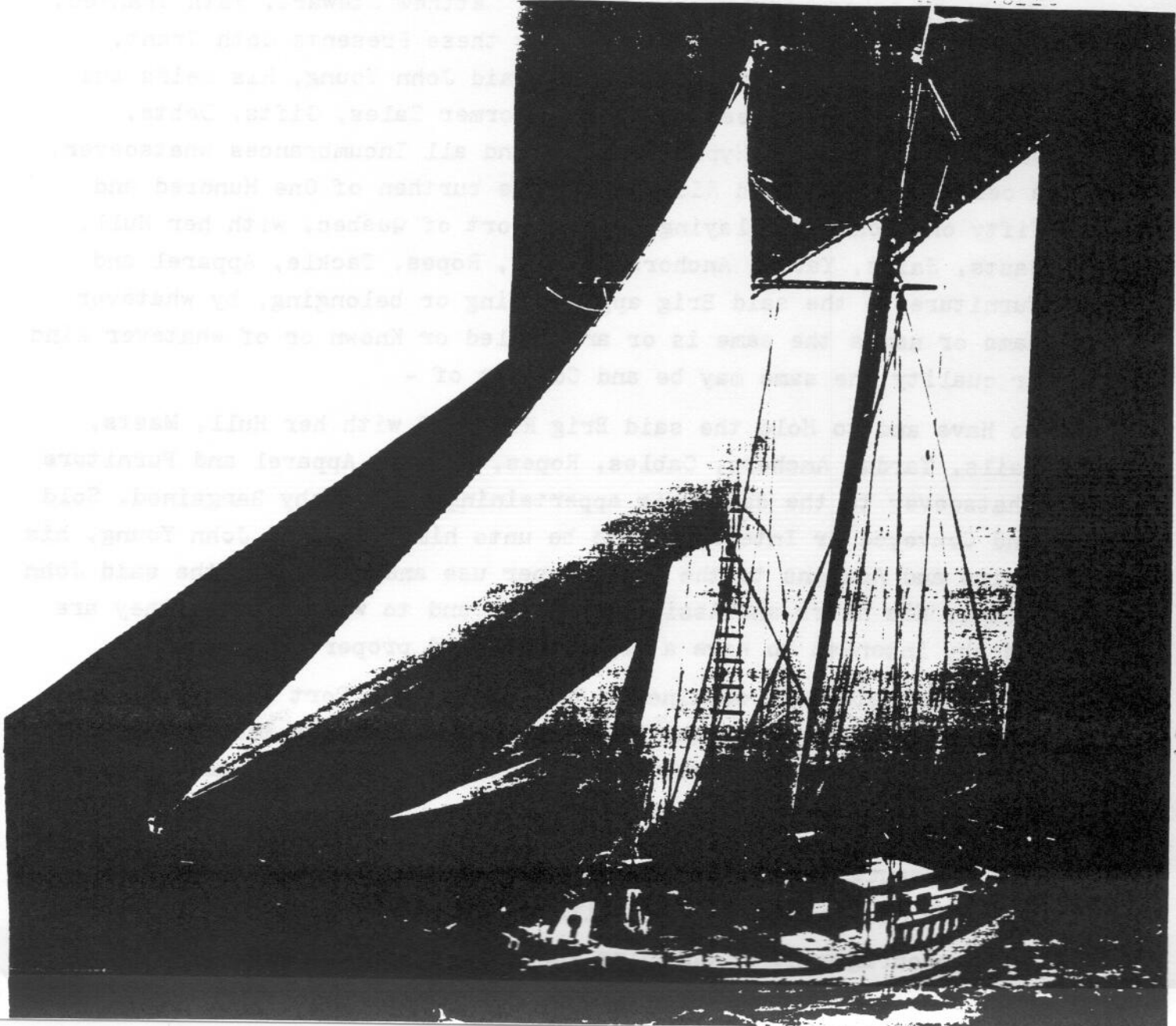
Louis Dubois

John Walter

Charles Stewart, Notary Public

Thomas

Notary Public



SALE OF THE BRIG. "RICHMOND", 10 AUGUST. 1798

Before the Notaries Public subscribing personally came Mr. Matthew Stewart of Nouvelle in the District of Gaspee and Province of Lower Canada, Merchant, at present in the City of Québec, as well in his own name as in the name and on the behalf of his two Brothers, Dugal and James Stewart, of the one part, and John Young, Esq., of Québec, Merchant, of the other part.

Which said Matthew Stewart did and doth declare that for and in Consideration of the sum of One thousand and fifty Pounds to him in hand well and truly paid by the said John Young, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, He, the said Matthew Stewart, hath Granted, Sold, released and Confirmed, and by these Presents doth Grant, sell, release and Confirm unto the said John Young, His Heirs and Assigns with Guarantee against all former Sales, Gifts, Debts, Demands, Evictions, Hypothications and all Incumbrances whatsoever, a certain Brig called RICHMOND of the burthen of One Hundred and fifty one Tons, now laying in this Port of Québec, with her Hull, Masts, Sails, Yards, Anchors, Cables, Ropes, Tackle, Apparel and Furniture to the said Brig appertaining or belonging, by whatever name or names the same is or are Called or Known or of whatever kind or quality the same may be and Consist of -

To Have and to Hold the said Brig RICHMOND with her Hull, Masts, Sails, Yards, Anchors, Cables, Ropes, Tackle, Apparel and Furniture whatsoever to the said Brig appertaining and hereby Bargained, Sold and Conveyed or Intended so to be unto him, the said John Young, his Heirs and Assigns to the only proper use and behooff of the said John Young, His Heirs and Assigns for over and to which He and they are hereby intended to have a legal right and property.

Which said Brig obtained a Register in the Port of Carleton and District of Gaspee in the Province of Lower Canada the eleventh day of June, One Thousand seven hundred and ninety eight and which is here inserted as by Law required.-

In pursuance of an Act passed in the twenty sixth year of the reign of King George the Third, Intituled, An Act for the further increase and encouragement of Shipping and Navigation, Matthew Stewart and

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Dugald Stewart of Nouvelle in the District of Gaspee and Province of Lower Canada, Merchants, having taken and subscribed the oath required by this Act and having sworn that they together with James Stewart of Bonaventure Island in the District and Province aforesaid, are sole owners of the ship or vessel called RICHMOND of Chaleur Bay whereof Benjamin Robinson is at present Master and that the said ship or vessel was built at New Richmond on the North side of the Bay Chaleurs in the District of Gaspee and Province of Lower Canada this present year, One Thousand seven hundred and ninety eight and James Durward having Certified to us that the said ship or vessel is British Plantation built, has one deck and two masts, that her length from the fore part of the main stem to the after part of the stern post aloft is seventy six feet, her breadth at the broadest part, whether above or below the main wales, twenty one feet five inches, and admeasures one hundred and fifty one tons. That she is a square sterned Brig, has no Gallery and no Head, and the said subscribing owners having Consented and Agreed to the above description and admeasurement and having caused sufficient security to be given as is required by the Act, the said Brigantine RICHMOND has been duly registered at the Port of Carleton, District of Gaspee.

Given under our Hands and Seals of Office at the Custom House in the said Port of Carleton this eleventh day of June in the year One Thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. Certificate of British Plantation Registry.

Which said Grant, Bargain, Sale and Conveyance, he, the said John Young, in the presence of us, the said Notaries, did and doth hereby accept.

This Done and Passed at Québec this tenth day of August, One Thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, this Minute having been duly read to and subscribed by the parties in the presence of us the said Notaries and deposited in the office of Charles Stewart, one of us, there to remain of record.

(Signed) Matthew Stewart

John Young

Charles Stewart, Notary Public

A.Dumas

Notary Public

EPITOME

This recall of the New Richmond built schooner, LARK (1790) and the brigantine, RICHMOND (1798) may serve to supplement the interesting references to shipbuilding in the volume, CASCAPEDIA BAY HERITAGE - A HISTORY OF NEW RICHMOND AND ENVIRONS, that was published in 1980. A comprehensive history of shipbuilding in Bay Chaleur poses a major challenge - one that it is hoped will be taken up by Gaspesians interested in this important aspect of their heritage.

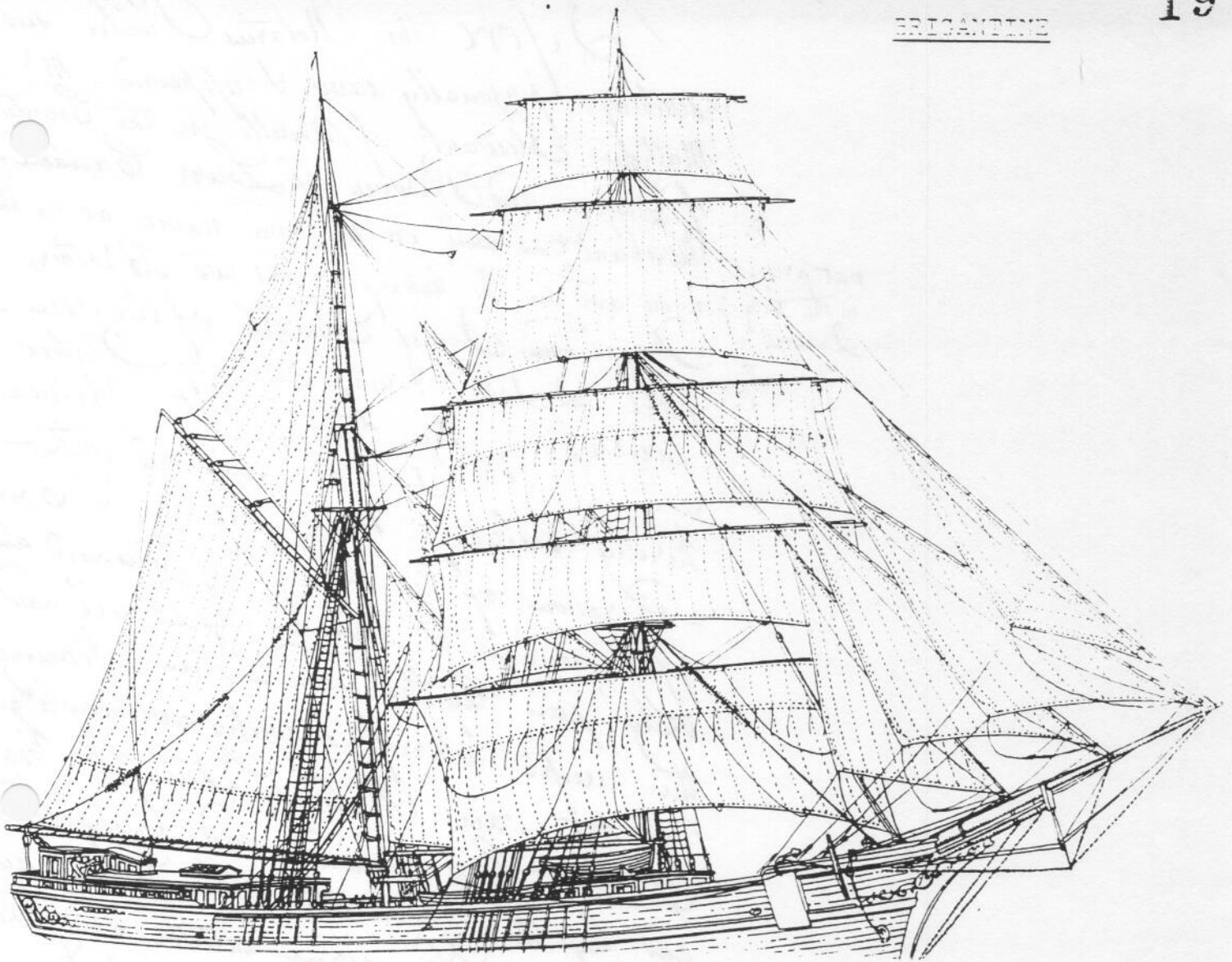
Of the individuals mentioned above, the Stewart brothers, Matthew, Dugald and James have been referred to in other GASPE OF YESTERDAY issues -e.g. THE SHOOLBRED SEIGNIORY; ROBERT AND ANNABELLA STEWART AND FAMILY; GASPESIANS OF 150 YEARS AGO. Oliver O'Hara, the Deputy Collector of Customs who registered the LARK in 1791 was a son of the Gaspé Basin pioneer settler, Felix O'Hara . Oliver's wife, Annabella, was a sister of the Stewart brothers above. The wife of James Stewart was Bridget O'Hara, a sister of Oliver.

The lives and times of others referred to - Richard Nevison, Captain Louis Dubord and Captain Benjamin Robinson, remain to be more fully documented and recorded.

The Notary, Charles Stewart, had many Gaspesians of the late 18th century and early 19th century among his clients and his records are rich in references to the District of Gaspé. His fellow Notary, Alexandre Dumas, who signed the above Minutes, was one of three Dumas brothers of Huguenot descent whose background has been recorded in the volume, HUGUENOT INFLUENCE IN QUEBEC.

This Note and Passed at Gaspé this tenth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. This Minutes having been duly read and subscribed by the parties in the presence of us the said Notaries and deposited in the office of Charles Stewart, one of us, there to remain of record.

(Signed) Matthew Stewart
 John Young
 Charles Stewart, Notary Public
 Alexandre Dumas



THE BUILDING OF THE SHIP

"...Day by day the vessel grew,
With timbers fashioned strong and true,
Stemson and Keelson and sternson-knee,
Till, framed with perfect symmetry,
A skelton ship rose up to view !
And around the bows and along the side
The heavy hammers and mallets plied,
Till after many a week, at length,
Wonderful for form and strength,
Sublime in its enormous bulk,
Loomed aloft the shadowy hulk..."

Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow.

10 Aug 1788

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in the City of
Quebec

Before the Notarius Public sub-
 scribing, personally came & appeared M^r
 Mathieu Stewart of Nouvelle in the County
 of Gaspé and Province of Lower Canada
 Merchant, as well in his own name as in the
 name and on the behalf of his two Brothers
 Jussal and James Stewart of the one
 part and John Young Esq^r of Quebec
 Merchant of the other part which
 said Jussal and James Stewart did and both
 hereby declare that for and in con-
 sideration of the sum of One thousand and
 fifty pounds to him in hand well and
 truly paid by the said John Young
 the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
 by the said Mathieu Stewart that
 he the said Mathieu Stewart hath
 granted sold released and conveyed
 and by these presents doth Grant sell
 release and Confirm unto the said John
 Young His Heirs and Assigns with Guarante
 against all former Sales Leases Leases
 Evictions Hypothecations and all Incumbrances
 whatsoever a certain Brig called Richmond
 of the burthen of one Hundred & fifty one
 Tons now laying in this Port of Quebec
 with

with her Hull Mast Sails 4199
inches Cables Ropes Tackle Apparel and
and furniture whatsoever to the said Brig
appertaining or belonging by whatever
name or names the same is or
are called or known or of whatever
kind or quality the same may be
and consist of. — To Willm
I do hold the said Brig
Richmond with her Hull Mast
Sails Yards inches Cables
Ropes Tackle Apparel and
furniture whatsoever to the said
Brig appertaining and hereby
do assigne Sell & Convey
or intend to be unto him the
said John Young his heirs
and assigns to the only proper
use and behoof of the said John
assigning his heirs and assigns
for ever and to which he and
they are hereby intended to have a
legal right and property. —
Which

Which D. Grey obtained a Register
in the Port of Barleton & County of
Gaspee in the Province of Lower Canada
the eleventh day of June one thousand
seven hundred & Ninety-eight and
which is here inserted as by Law
required.

No 5 In pursuance of an Act passed in the
sixth year of the reign of King
George the Third Intituled An Act
for the further increase & encouragement
of Shipping & Navigation
James Stewart of
Gaspee and
Province of Lower Canada Merchant
having taken and subscribed the oath required
together with James Stewart of Bonaventure
Island in the County & Province above
said are sole Owners of the Ship or Vessel
called Richmond of Chaleur Bay
whereof Benjamin Robinson is at present
Master and that the said Ship or Vessel
was built at New Richmond in the North
side of the Bay Chaleurs in the County
of Gaspee and Province of Lower Canada
this present year one thousand seven
hundred and Ninety-eight and James
Stewart having Certified to us that the
said Ship or Vessel is British Plantation
Built

1798
Signed
Wm. C. Hare
J. Collin

Wm. Stewart
James Stewart

6 10. and 1798.
Margar Mathew & Thomas
John Young

vult has one Deck and two Masts -
that her length from the fore part of the
Main stem to the after part of the
stem just aloft is Twenty six feet her
Breadth at the broadest part whether
above or below the main wales twenty
one feet five inches her Height between
Decks — and all measures are hundred
and fifty one tons that she is a square
sterned Brig has no Gallery and no head
and she said subscribing Owners having
consented & agreed to the above description
and all measurement and having caused
sufficient security to be given as is required
by the said Act the said Brigantine Fish-
-ermans has been duly registered at the
Court of Carleton County & Justice
Given under our hands & seals of
Office at the Custom House in the said
Town of Carleton this eleventh day of
June in the year one thousand seven
hundred & eighty eight Centrepiece
of British Colonization Registry.
Which said Grant Bargain sale & conveyance
the the said John Young in the presence
of us the said Charles Stewart & John
Aupt. — This Deed & Paper of Deeds
this tenth day of August one thousand
seven hundred & eighty eight this Minute
having been duly read & subscribed by the
parties in the presence of us the said Notaries
& deposited in the office of Charles Stewart one
of us there to remain of record. —

Mass. Stewart

A. Thomas
Notary

Chas Stewart J. M. G. G.

Sale -
Louis Dubord
to
Mr John Walter.

To Have the whole Manner for the City of Quebec and Province of Lower Canada herunto Subscribing residing in said City Personally came and appeared Mr Louis Dubord of Bonaventure in the Province of Quebec Mariner at present of the said City of Quebec and Mr John Walter also of said City of Quebec Merchant when the said Louis Dubord of his own free will acknowledged and Declared that for and In consideration of the Sum of money herein after mentioned to have bargained sold transferred and made over and by these Presents doth hereby for himself his Heirs Executors & Administrators Bargain Sell transfer and make over unto the said Mr John Walter his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns from henceforth and for ever and free from Claims demands and pretensions whatsoever of any Person or Persons All that Schooner or Vessel called the Lark of the Burthen of Fifty three Tons and one half Ton Together with all and singular her Masts yards sails anchors cables Ropes Rigging Tackle Furniture and all and every appurtenances under what ever name or designation

being satisfied with her as she now stands and is delivered
Louis Dubord
John Walter
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tion the same may be known or called belonging & appertaining unto the said Schooner called the Lark as she now lies in the Port of Quebec To Have and To Hold the said Schooner or Vessel the Lark with all and sundry her masts yards sails anchors cables Ropes Rigging Tackle Furniture and every part and parcel of the same unto the said Mr John Walter his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns and as and for his and their proper use benefit and advantage from henceforth and for ever the said Louis Dubord for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators or Curators hereby Covenants promising and agreeing to warrant and defend the Bargained and transferred Premises from all Claims and demands whatsoever which said Vessel or Schooner the Lark agreeable to the Act of Parliament made in the Twenty sixth year of the Reign of his present Majesty George the Third obtained a Register at the Port of New Carlisle in the Province of Lower Canada of which the following agreeable to the said Statute in Case of Transfer is a true Copy.

" In pursuance of an Act passed in the Twenty Sixth Year
" of the Reign of King George the Third intituled, An Act
" for the further increase and Encouragement of Ship

John
Walter

Shipping and Navigation - Louis Dubord of the Province
 "in the Province of Quebec Mariner having taken and sub-
 scribed the Oath required by this Act and having sworn
 that he is sole owner of the Ship or Vessel called the Sack of
 Bonaventure District of Gaspee, whereof Louis Dubord is
 at present master and that the said Ship or Vessel was built
 at New Richmond in the Province of Quebec and District of
 Gaspee in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety
 as appears by a Certificate of Registry granted at this Port
 of New Carlisle the twenty ninth day of October 1790 here
 delivered up and cancelled on account of a Transfer of pro-
 perty at this Port, and Richard Newson having Certified
 to us that the said Ship or Vessel is British Navigation built
 has one Deck and two Masts that her Length from the
 fore part of the main Stem to the after part of the Stern
 post aloft is Fifty one and a half feet her breadth at the
 broadest part whether above or below the main wales
 fifteen feet Ten inches Depth of Hold seven feet seven inches
 and burthen Fifty three and one half Tons That she is
 a square Sterned Schooner has no Gallery and no Head of
 the said subcribing Officer having consented and agreed to the
 above Description and measurement and having caused
 sufficient security to be given as is required by the said Act
 the said Schooner Sack has been duly Registered at the Port
 of New Carlisle District of Gaspee -

Given under my Hand and Seal of office at the Custom-
 House in the said Port of New Carlisle this Thirtieth day
 of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and
 ninety one. signed

Olewer Clark
 Deputy Collector

In Consideration of such for said hereby Bargained Vessel
 or Schooner the said Mr John Walter had Covenanted Promised
 and agreed to pay unto them the said Louis Dubord the Sum
 of One Hundred and fifty Pounds Halifax Currency for
 the said Louis Dubord is hereby acknowledged
 and the said John Walter hath said Sum the the said John Walter has at the Ex-
 discharge thereof
 of this present Day and before us the said Notaries
 granted his Promissory Note payable to him the said Louis
 Dubord or his Order for which he is perfectly well satisfied
 and the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged

This Done and Passed at Quebec this sixteenth day
 day of May at office of Charles Stewart one of the
 Subscribing

(L.S.)
 signed
 Dorchester.
 (L.S.)

The Receipt of which said
 Sum of One Hundred and fifty
 Pounds said sum he
 the said Louis Dubord is
 hereby acknowledged
 and the said John Walter hath
 discharged thereof
 Louis Dubord
 John Walter
 W. S. P.
 A. B.

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subscribing Notaries in the year of our Lord one Thousand
seven Hundred and Ninety three the same having been first
read over and approved and explained in the French lan-
guage to the said Louis Dubord before signing this Minute
deposited in the Office of the said Charles Stewart one of the
subscribing Notaries the words "for which said Sum he has said
John Miller has at the Execution of this present Debt and before
us the said Notaries granted his Promissary Note to turn the said
Louis Dubord or his order for which he is perfectly well satisfied
and the Receipt whereof is here by acknowledged, declared Null
and what is wrote on the margin in place thereof approved as
good -

Louis Dubord

John Miller
Cha Stewart
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