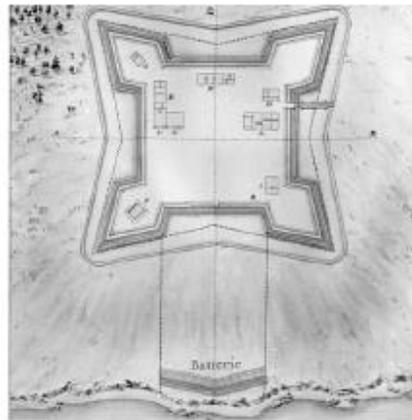


BUILDING A COLONIAL OUTPOST ON ILE ST. JEAN PORT LA JOYE, 1720-1758



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ACCOMODATION FOR COMMANDANT AND BARRACKS

This building is made of upright pickets and altogether, including the lean-to, and small sheds (?) comprised 60 running toises and two pouces in length.

The pickets for the bldgs. were 9 pieds high and 6 pouces in circumference de grosseur environs and buried 18 pouce. All the picquets (pickets) are joined the one to the other and fastened above by stringers (wall plate) and joined using mortice and tenon. The said pickets being rounded at the joint have been covered over with torchis (a mixture of chopped straw and clay).

For supplying pickets from inland, preparing daub and making the trenches estimated at 7 livres running toise

CHARPENTE- [as in Roof Framing(?)]

540 running pieds of double stringers

264 running pieds of cross beams of 22 pieds in length, "all of it" 7 by 7 sq. pouces which altogether make 273 cubic pieds and 7 pouces of framework. Estimate for supplying prepared, wood and transport at 16 sols the cubic ped.

COUVERTURES (Roof)

Roof of the said bldg. made of boards 1 1/4 pouce thick, overlapping one on the other 3 pouces comprising 10 ped 2 pouces long by 5 pouces wide, making altogether 60 square toises, 1 ped, 8 pouces.

Estimate for furnishing nails and boards prepared at 6 livres 10 sols the square toise

PLANCHERS (Floors)

le plancher de pieds (ground floor (?)) in the Commandant's lodging is 3 toise 2 pieds in length by 3 toise 2 pieds wide making altogether 11 toise 8 ped.

Estimate for furnishing nails, planks at 8 livres 10 sols the square toise for le plancher haut (upper floor) of the same dimensions...

The two upper floors of two soldiers' rooms of the same size as above mentioned, employing a rough estimate for supplying planks, nails at 7 livres 10 sols the square toise

CLOISONS (Partitions)

The division of two rooms in the Commandant's lodgings made of planed boards joined by groove and tongue comprise together an estimated 6 square toise 5 pieds and 4 pouces for supplying and preparing (same) at 8 livres 10 sols the toise
Other partitions made in the same building in order to make there two cabanes (cells) where beds for three officers to sleep would be. Altogether would be estimated 2 square toise, 3 pieds. For furnishing wood and nails making all - 8 livres, 10 sols the square toise

Shelves made in the two rooms of the Commandant's lodgings comprising together 7 running toise. For supplying and preparing boards and nails at 8 livres 10 sols the square toise

In addition the making of two beds with rough boards comprising altogether an estimated square toise, 1 pied, 6 pouces at 4 livres the square toise

The gable ends and partitions in the attics made of rough boards estimated to be 1 square toise, 2 pieds, for furnishing and preparing boards, nails at 4 livres 10 sols the square toise

Two coat racks in the rooms comprising altogether seven pegs, estimated for furnishing and fashioning wood, nails at 10 sols per peg

DOORS AND SHUTTERS

Nine doors and six shutters partly of planks and partly of boards all planed and joined by tongue and groove, strengthened by battens, altogether making 4 square toise, 4 pieds estimated for furnishing wood, nails and making same at 16 livres the square toise

CHIMNEYS

One single chimney in Commandant's quarters made of maconnerie de terre grasse (sand stone (?)) up to the ceiling and the rest a combination of wood and daub (mixture of clay and straw) estimated for furnishing and fabrication of mortier (mortar) terre grasse (sandstone (?), clay (?)), bois (wood), torchis (daub) at 100 livres

The double chimney serving the two soldiers rooms estimated for the same (ditto) at 125 livres. Therefore

FRAMES

Three large frames (for doors, windows) and three small, altogether include 1 square toise, 1 pied, 3 pouces estimate, for furnishing the wood and construction, at

30 livres the sq. toise

CRUDE IRON

40 livres of crude iron employed in two fireplace bars estimated 9 sols the livre

LOCKS [Door Hardware ?]

16 pairs of large and small strap hinges for the doors of the Barracks and Commandant's lodging. One part hinge and the other hook (pin) estimated the two parts at six livres the pair

5 serrures de fiche (pin, plug) [lock parts?] at 6 to 7 pouces estimated 6 livres a piece

7 latches estimated at 50 sols a piece

6 pairs of fiche a gondes [hinge and pins] estimated 24 sols the pair

4 verrou a ressort [spring bolts] estimated at 30 sols a piece

5 flat door [or sash] bolts estimated 24 sols a piece

7 hooks with their eye bolts estimated 12 sols a piece

CABANES [in this context double bunks ?]

29 cabanes or couchettes (planked bed) each to sleep two soldiers built with montants (posts), sides, chevets (head boards ?) and fonsures (foncailles) bed boards

VITRES (Window Glass)

60 small squares of window panes of 6 or 7 pouces comprising altogether 18 square pieds, 8 pouces estimated at 28 sols the square foot

3 single couchettes (beds) with their dossier (backs) and fonsures (foncailles ?) bedboards each estimated at 10 livres

2 folding tables, legs included estimated altogether at 12 livres

1 buffet with panel doors, two drawers, and shelves estimate for supply wood, iron fittings and fabrication at 30 livres

4 gun racks with 24 cheville a bouton (button pegs ?) estimated at 10 sols each button

POUDRIERE (powder magazine)

Roof planked like that of preceding (building) constructed on the old powder magazine is 12 square toise estimate for furnishing boards, nails, rafters at 6 livres, 10 sols the square toise

The door of said powder magazine with casing estimated 8 livres

A large lock estimated at 7 livres

A pair of hooks and hinges (door) estimated 6 livres

Lean to or porch protecting the door of the powder magazine (requiring) two running toise and 3 pieds, de pourtour (bldg's ext. walls) estimate for supplying pickets, daubs, roof, and [its] construction at 7 livres the running toise

The door of rough planks with battens estimated 4 livres

A pair of hinges and hooks estimated 5 livres

A hand latch estimated 50 sols

CACHOT (DARK CELL) and Prison

Le pourtour (perimeter ? loose tr. outside walls) of these two buildings made of large pickets prepared the same as preceding bldg. [i.e. with daub] extra thick on account of a double row of pickets in the cachot and the floors above and below made of the same pickets in the two places comprising altogether 15 running toise and two pieds estimated for supplying and construction at 7 livres the running toise
The door of the cachot (cell) and that of the prison estimated altogether at 13 livres 6 sols, 8 deniers

The roof of the said buildings made with double planks includes 4 square toise and 3 pieds estimate for supply and fabricating - nails and boards at 9 livres, 10 sols the toise

Two pair of hinges with their hooks estimated 6 livres the pair

Two large padlocks with clamps and large bolts estimated altogether

LODGING FOR CHAPLAIN AND SURGEON

This residence made like the others comprised in all 13 running toise 4 pieds estimated 7 livres to the running toise

The framework consists of un cour de tabliere [assembled wallplate?] 4 traverse beams for the upper floor, 4 trusses, 2 purlins and the roof timbers altogether according to la toisse (estimate) that was made - having been 104 cubic pieds and 9 pouces at 16 sols the cubic pieds

The double roof of the said building according to the estimate is 25 square toise, 1 pieds and 8 pouces including everything at 9 livres 10 sols the square toise

The two gables at the end of the said roof with a partition dividing the attic all made of rough planks. (butt-lapped ?) altogether 8 square toise, 4 pieds, 6 pouces

at 6 livres, 10 sols the toise

A double chimney made like the previous ones estimated at 125 livres

The bottom floor (plancher de pied) and the upper floor of same lodging made of rough planks and comprising altogether 17 square toise, 2 pied at 7 livres, 10 sols the square toise

The partitions which divide the two lodgings, which form the rooms and the porches with all the shelves and a cabane (small cell-like room ?) to sleep 2 men comprised altogether 14 square toise, 2 pieds, everything included at 7 livres 10 sols the square toise

The common entrance door to the two lodgings, of groove and tongue construction with battens and construction, all included

2 large and 2 small frames (for windows and doors) estimated altogether 25 livres for 4

4 shutters for the said windows with bars (battens) estimated altogether 14 livres

SERRURIE (Locks) [Door hardware]

One pair of hooks and hinges for entrance door

6 other pair of hooks and eyes @ 5 livres the pair

5 hand latches estimated 50 sols piece

4 hooks and eye bolts at 12 sols piece

6 pairs of hinges and pins estimated at 24 sols the pair

4 spring bolts at 30 sols piece

VITRES (Window Panes)

56 square panes of glass, 6 by 7 pouces,

altogether 16 square pieds, 4 pouces at 28 sols square pied

2 folding dining tables [with legs] all included, estimated 7 livres

1 bed in the chaplain's room estimated 10 livres

1 lean-to or shed partly backing on said lodging for the use of the surgeon, the which is constructed of pickets and roofed with bark estimated altogether 36 livres

QUARTERS OF SUBDELEGUE AND STOREHOUSE

The building and the partition which separates the other building serving as a storehouse constructed like the rest comprises (for the buildings walls) 38 running toise, 2 pieds for supply and fabrication of materials at 7 livres the running toise

All the traverse beams, gizain (felled?) de planches the framing of roofing timbers

containing altogether 210 cub. pieds, 6 pouces, estimated at 16 sols the cubic pied.
48 half-squared rafters or (poles ?) estimated 10 sols piece

The roof of the subdelegate's lodging is double planked containing 19 square toise, 3 pieds, estimated construction and supply of boards, nails at 9 livres 10 sols the square toise

The roof of the storehouse ensuivant constructed of single boards included 40 square toise and 4 pied estimated altogether 7 livres the sq. toise

Two gables and one partition de la meme grandeur dans les greniers (of the same size in the attic) consists altogether 8 square toise, 2 pieds at 6 livres 10 sols the square toise

The bottom and upper floor made of rough planks consists altogether according to the estimate 11 square toise at 7 livres 10 sols the square toise

A single chimney the same as that of the Commandant's estimated at 100 livres
2 Iron bars for the mantle piece weighing altogether 40 livres estimated 9 sols la livre

All of the partitions of the [subdelegue's] lodgings consisting of 8 square toise at 7 livres 10 sols the square toise

All the shelving at 6 livres

An office table with 2 drawers and it's legs estimated at 14 livres

A dove-tailed chest of 6 pieds long estimated altogether 14 livres 10 sols

A folding table estimated at 4 livres

3 ordinary beds each at 10 livres

The door and shutters of the storehouse - 4 doors and 3 shutters in the lodging estimated at 40 livres

3 frames (for doors or windows) for the lodging (subdelegue's) at 12 livres

28 panes of glass consisting of 10 square pieds estimated at 28 sols the pied

2 locks of 7 pouces with key box, latches for entrance at 6 livres piece

8 pair of hinges and hooks at 6 livres piece

2 other pairs of large hinges with hooks for the double door of the storehouse at 7 livres the pair

2 other small pairs (of hinges) with hooks at 4 livres 10 sols the pair
3 latches amant at 50 sols
4 pair hinges and pins estimated 24 sols the pair
2 spring bolts at 30 sols piece
3 sash bolts at 24 sols piece
4 hooks with their eye bolts estimated at 12 sols piece

CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS

The outside walls of the building, constructed and in good order like the preceding buildings consisted of 22 running toise, 1 pie estimated 7 livres the running toise

A lean-to or shed servant de decharge au dit logement (serving for discharge/storage) of goods to the quarters (and MAYBE A PRIVY ?) estimate for picket enclosure, framing, roof, nails at 42 livres
Rough traverse beams, wall plates, roof framing consists altogether 73 cubic pies, 6 pouces of wood framing, in order to furnish and construct the same at 16 sols the cubic foot

The roof to the captain's quarters made of double boards and that of the porch attached to the said house comprises together 26 square toise, 5 pies, 4 pouces including 9 livres 10 sols the toise

The two gables in single boards consisted together 5 square toise, 5 pies at 6 livres 10 sols the square toise

One single chimney like the preceding ones at 100 livres

The upper and lower floors altogether consisting of 10 square toise, 1 pie, 6 pouces, estimated 7 livres 10 sols the square toise

All the partitions dividing the room, two smaller rooms, and the porch altogether contain 5 square toise, 2 pie, 8 pouces, estimated altogether furnishing and fabrication at 7 livres 10 sols the square toise

6 doors and 4 shutters estimated for furnishing and fabrication at 47 livres
5 frames of different sizes altogether 22 livres 10 sols

34 panes of glass comprising altogether 13 square pie at 28 sols the square pie

2 beds, parts and constructing the same 10 livres a piece

A buffet with cupboards, 2 drawers at 20 livres

1 lock of 6 pouces at 6 livres
8 pair of hinges and hooks at 5 livres the pair
2 other small pair of hinges and hooks estimated at 3 livres 10 sols the pair
2 pair of couplet (links) estimated at 24 sols a pair
5 latches at 50 sols a piece
2 spring bolts at 30 sols a piece
3 flat door bolts at 24 sols a piece
4 hooks and eyes at 12 sols a piece
4 pair of hinges and pins at 24 sols the pair

THE FORGE

The exterior dimensions of the said forge consist of 12 running toise of pickets prepared like all the other bldgs. walls estimated at 7 livres the running toise
The roof of the said forge of which the roof timbers are de perches (thin poles), les plans d'ecorses (bark),
and du Gason (sods) over it, all included 75 livres
3 cross beams, half-squared at 40 sols a piece
The chimney partly en moilon (in quarry- stone) and partly daubing estimated at 50 livres

An etabli (work-bench) for the locksmith made of rough planks with 2 pieds at 3 livres

The door and shutters estimated altogether 8 livres
1 lock of 6 pouces estimated 6 livres
1 hand latch estimated 50 sols
1 pair of hinges with pins at 6 livres
1 other small pair of hinges with pins at 3 livres 10 sols
1 hook and eye bolt at 12 sols

THE BAKERY

The exterior walls of the bakery made of pickets as the preceding bldgs. consisting of 12 running toises and 1 pied estimated 7 livres the running toise
The roof of the said building prepared like that of the forge and 1 pied and a half longer and wider estimated altogether 80 livres
The single chimney and the oven altogether were made of maconnerie de terre grasse (P.E.I. sandstone ?), daub, and a hearth of bricks for furnishing and fabricating 150 livres

The baker's table and le dessus de la mer (over-head shelf/platform ?) furnished

and fashioned at 8 livres 10 sols

The entrance door and shutters, altogether 2 frames estimated together 4 livres 10 sols

10 window panes altogether 4 livres 10 sols

1 iron fitting at 6 livres

1 pair of hinges and pins at 6 livres

1 pair of hinges for the shutters with pins at

1 pair of hinges and pins at 24 sols

1 flat door bolt at 24 sols

1 hook and eye bolt at 12 sols

Other small buildings attached to the bakery used as a stable, cow shed, and others for the use of the Commandant, the which consists of 12 running toise of pickets at 5 livres the running toise

For the chevronnage (pertaining to roof rafters) tree bark, plan de terre (?) (sod work ?) which makes up the roof estimated for furnishing and construction at 35 livres

2 pair of butt hinges estimated at 3 livres 10 sols the pair

STOREHOUSE (For Vegetables)

The storehouse consists of 11 running toise and 4 pieds in pickets prepared the same as in the other bldgs. at 7 livres the running toise

The wallplates, cross beams of the roof, and the roof rafters altogether comprise 53 cubic pied, 6 pouces estimated at 16 sols the cubic pied

The roof of double boards comprised 20 square toise, 2 pieds, 6 pouces at 9 livres 10 sols the square toise

The single chimney like those [described] earlier for 100 livres

14 cabanes [cell-like spaces with upper/lower enclosed bunks?] in order to accommodate a

detachment of soldiers obliged to winter at Port La Joye in 1750 each cabane at 50 sols

The door and the shutter estimated for supply and fabrication at 6 livres

1 frame estimated at 9 livres 12 sols

1 garnished iron fitting at 6 livres

2 pairs of hinges with their pins at 5 livres the pair

1 pair of hinges and pins at 24 sols the pair

1 sash bolt at 24 sols

1 hook and eye bolt at 12 sols

12 squares of window panes at 4 livres 4 sols

QUARTERS FOR AN OFFICER

The outer walls of this little building made of pickets in the same manner as the preceding ones comprises 9 running toise, 2 pieds being 7 livres the running toise
The cross beams and framing of the roof comprised altogether 20 cubic pieds at 16 sols the cubic pieds

The roof of double boards contains 7 square toise at 9 livres 10 sols the square toise

The 2 gables of single boards containing 2 square toises and 4 pieds at 6 livres the toise

The bottom floor made of pickets platir par dessus (flat on top) at 16 livres

A small chimney made of clay like the previous ones at 25 livres

The door, the shutters estimated 5 livres

The frame and 4 squares of window panes altogether at 4 livres

1 iron fittings at 6 livres

1 part of hinge with pins at 6 livres

1 other of the same at 4 livres 10 sols

1 hook with eye bolt at 12 sols

1 folding table at 3 livres 10 sols

1 sideboard with shelf and sides at 3 livres

And for a similar lodging built near a stream at around 100 toise and a quarter

Total for 2 shelters

STOREHOUSE (For Rations, Provisions)

The exterior walls of said building made of pickets and prepared as in the preceding

buildings contains 27 toise de longuer. On the same elevation estimate furnishing and fashioning at 7 livres the running toise

The wallplates, cross beams, formes, filtiere and the timbers for the roof containing altogether 253 cubic pieds, 7 pouces at 16 sols the cubic pieds

The roof of doubled boards included 57 square toise, 4 pieds, 5 pouces estimated supply of boards, nails and construction at 9 livres the square toise

The 2 gables of single boards contained together 5 square toise, 5 pieds at 6 livres 10 sols the toise

35 large pickets employed in part en contre

sabliere (an additional support for the wallplate ?) and on the other part en encore (?) in order to sustain the weight of the building estimated at 8 sols a piece
The door of the storehouse a deux venteaux (double) and 2 shutters at 21 livres
4 pair of hinges for the storehouse door and the shutters furnished with hinges at 6 livres the pair
1 iron fittings garnished at 6 livres
2 hooks and their eye bolts at 2 sols

GUERITTE (a sentry post). The parts and wooden frame sheathed, fousee (?) and roofed with rough boards at 17 livres altogether
.... Deblay de Toise

The total expenditure was made at Port La Joye.
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