

Dⁿ Carlos Trudeau Royal and Private Sur-
-veyor of the province of Louisiana &c

I certify that there has been measured and bound-
-ed in favour and presence of M^r Stephen
Watts a tract of seven hundred arpents superficie
measured by the perch of Paris of eighteen feet
long according to the Agrarian measure in this colo-
-ny which tract situated in the District of Baton
Range about fifteen miles above the fort and on the
western shore of the river in the bend in front of
Brown's island bounded on all sides by vacant
lands belonging to his majesty the line of opening
twenty degrees the lower one directed in the bottom
towards the South and the upper one to the South-
-ward twenty degrees west without attending to the
variation of the compass which varied eight de-
-grees thirty minutes to the North East; there were
marked in the limits as boundaries the trees and
stakes figured on the plot. This possession being
given in compliance with a decree of the General
government under date of the tenth of the pres-
-ent month and year. In testimony whereof I
grant the present together with the figurative
plan which accompanies it formed agreea-
-bly to the proceedings of the assistant Surveyor

In Vicenti Pintado dated ninth November
of the present year all which I do certify.
December 11. 1798 Signed Carlos Trudeau
Surveyor Gen^l

In Manuel Gayoso de Lemos Brigadier of the
Royal Army Governor General Royal Vice pa-
tron of the province of Louisiana and Florida
and Inspector of their troops &c

Pursuant to the proceedings of the Surveyor of
this province In Carlos Trudeau respecting
the possession he has given to Mr Stephen Watts
of seven hundred arpents of Land situated in
the District of Baton Rouge about fifteen miles
above the fort and on Western Bank of the
River in the bend opposite to Brown's islands
bounded on all sides by vacant lands of the
dominion of his majesty as is shewn on the
figurative plan which precedes and recognizing
it to be regulated by the order of Survey with-
out causing any prejudice. Wherefore using
of the power which his majesty has granted
to us we concede in his royal name to the
aforesaid Mr Stephen Watts the above seven
hundred arpents of Land that as his own he
may dispose of them and enjoy them con-

-forming himself to the above mentioned
proceedings and observing the conditions laid
down in the negotiation of this business.

We grant these presents signed with our hand
and sealed with the Seal of our arms and
countersigned by his majesty's secretary for this
government and honorary comisary of war
in New Orleans = December 12th 1798

Signed Manuel Gayoso de Lemos

By order of his Excellency

Signed - Andres Lopez Armato