

Deed of sale of the enslaved Catherine
March 1rst 1753

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Before the Royal Notaries in Louisbourg
Isle Royale were present Sieur Blaise
Cassaignoles merchant and inhabitant of this town
And Jean Baptiste Cupidon, free *negro* established
established at ??? ????,
who made the following agreements and conventions
namely that the said Sieur Cassaignoles gives
freedom and hereby frees the
named catherine *negresse* her slave
and this from this day and forever without any
restrictions, for the said Catherine to be freed
and from servitude
and free of her will as if she had never
been enslaved; to do and dispose of
herself as she wishes; and the said Cupidon
because of the marriage that he is
contracting with said Catherine; promises
and commits himself to pay and give, for the
said liberty and emancipation, to the said Sr Cassaignoles
??? or assignee, and this in solidarity
With the said Catherine, here present and accepting
The amount of five hundred *livres*, payable
As of one hundred and twenty pounds
that the said cupid has at present
paid and given in current cash
in the presence of the said Notary to the said
Cassaignoles of which the latter holds him quit and discharged
him and any other; the sum of eighty

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Livres during the month of September
of the present year; the sum of one hundred
livres at the same time next year
seventeen hundred and fifty-four; the same
amount of one hundred *livres* in the month of September
of the following year seventeen hundred
fifty-five and the remaining hundred *livres*
at the same time of the following year
seventeen hundred and fifty-six; for the security
of the payment the said Cupidon and

and Catherine, have hereby
affected and mortgaged themselves
and generally all their
movable and immovable property
present and to come, by means of which
the said Sr Cassaignoles has completely
relinquished and vested of his rights, authority
claim and property that him
or his assignee could have on
the said Catherine; Wanting her to enjoy
plainly and peacefully of a complete
and free will, which will not be
disturbed in any way, either by him
or any other, the said Sr Cassaignoles
pledge to the said *negresse*
as done and passed at Louisbourg

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study of morin one of us who holds
the minutes on the afternoon of
march first seventeen fifty-three
and have the said part signed, on
reserve of the said Catherine who declared
not knowing how to write, as ordinarily requested
the reading done
approved by us as good the words (and servitude) in line spacing

B Cassaignolles

jean baptiste cupidon Morin Not^{ary}

(other signatures)