Conveyance* by Le Ray.

Chassanis line into No. IV, a tract of four lots vide and seven long from Le Ray, and nine lots from the easterly range in Theresa. It was recorded with a defeasance appended, in which it is declared a security for $120,000 as above stated, audit

Diamonds having fallen to half their former price, the fact was made a subject of complaint; and in 1820, the count agreed to accept 26,840 acres for the nominal sum of $40,260. These lands lay in the most remote portion of No. IV, and Mr. Le Ray, in a letter to one of the Antwerp Company, dated April 9th, 1821, complimented the count upon his taste in selecting a tract abounding with picturesque landscapes, whose remote and extensive forests, affording retreat to game, would enable him to establish a great hunting ground; qualities of soil, and fitness for settlers were only secondary considerations. * * * He regrets notwithstanding that thus far he has been unable to find among the 26,000 acres of land, a plateau of 200 acres of land to build his house upon, but he intends keeping up his researches this summer." The count subsequently commenced an establishment near the present village of Alpina in Diana, where a small clearing was made, but this was soon abandoned.

On the 29th of October 1823, Le Ray conveyed to Wm. H. Harrison, in trust for the Antwerp Company, for $50,000, two ranges of lots in Antwerp next to Lewis County, subject to the mortgage to Duponceau with a large amount of lands in Lewis County. Meanwhile an act was procured Nov. 27 1824, allowing Charles Joseph Xavier Knyff, Charles Joseph Geelhand Delafaille, Jean Joseph Reinier Osy, Pierre Joseph De Caters, and Jean Joseph Pinson, as trustees of the Antwerp Company, to take and hold lands, and to them Harrison conveyed the above tracts. Duponceau and Bonaparte subsequently released a large tract, and took a title of 81,180 acres. The history of these transactions may be traced in the recorded conveyances. James Le Ray, on the 31st of Dec. 1823, conveyed to his son Vincent, all his lands in Jefferson County, and by a similar conveyance, his lands in Lewis County, for the benefit of his creditors.

Duponceau executed July 16,1825, to Joseph Bonaparte, (who by an act of March 31 1825, had been empowered to hold lands), a deed of all the rights he had required in the above conveyances.

Bonaparte by an instrument dated July 14 1832, made Joseph Raphineau his attorney, to deed lands contracted by Joseph

* Lewii clerk's office. ** Jeff. Deeds, W, 181, Lewis Deeds, 1,1G.
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