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Montreal. Court of Kings Bench. October Term 1797

Berthelemi Collet. Plff

P^r Thomas Perrault. Defd^t

Berthelemi Collet of the parish of St Joseph
De Chambly in the District of Montreal
Labourer, on the part of Mariann Collet his
Daughter now a Minor under the age of 21
Years, acting for his said daughter in her name
as her father. Plff. complains of Pierre Thomas
Perrault of the same place, Labourer, Defend^t.
For that whereas she said Marianne Collet
was always considered, held & esteemed by
all her relations, friends & acquaintances
to be of a virtuous & religious life & conversation
and of a modest, & sober deportment, and
so being of a good life & character, & the
said P^r Thomas being an evil disposed person
of a wicked, lewd, corrupt mind & disposition,

wickedly

wickedly & maliciously intending to bring
the said Marianne a minor as aforesaid
to disgrace and shame and to satisfy his
lewd and carnal desires did in the month
of September in the year 1796 repeatedly promise
the said Marianne to contract marriage
with her, and under pretence of marriage
as aforesaid, which he hath always hitherto
refused to contract or enter into with the said
Marianne, and by force of his artifices
and frequent and unremitting ^{with attention &} sollicitations
did prevail on the said Marianne a minor
as aforesaid to yield to his desires, and having
thus wickedly seduced and ^{deceived} ~~abused~~ her the said
Marianne, he the said P^r Thomas, some
time ~~on the~~ or about the first day of September
in the year 1796 aforesaid, at the parish of
~~St. Louis~~ aforesaid, & at divers other times
and

to her damage two hundred pounds, Current
money of the Province —

Wherefore the said Bartholemie in the name
behalf aforesaid prays, that the said Ths. Pierre
may be summoned to be and appear in the
aforesaid Court at Montreal on the second
day of October next, ^{in order that} ~~and that by~~ by the Judge
of ~~that~~ Court he may be condemned to pay
to the s^d. Bartholemie in the name & on the behalf
aforesaid the aforesaid sum of £200, Current
money aforesaid, and that the said

Pr^s Thomas, ^{as the fr^d of the s^d. female Child may} be adjudged to take, maintain, ^{instruct,}
and bring up the same, and in case of
his refusal of so doing, that he, ^{the s^d. Pr^s Thomas} be condemned
to pay yearly & every year for the support and
maintenance of the s^d. ^{female} Child a sum of three
hundred livres or £12. 10 Current money aforesaid
untill the said female Child shall be able

to

in a fit becoming
manner

⁸ *gt. is now alive & under the care and management of the Dr. Marianne -*

and places, did lay with the said Marianne and had carnal knowledge of her body by reason whereof the said Marianne became with Child, and on or about the first day of June ~~next~~ ^{instant} was delivered of a female Child, ^{of which the said} ~~of which the said~~ ^{Dr. Thomas is in truth the father -}

^{*} *suffered much in her character reputation and hath -*

[†] *in the ^{care &} maintenance thereof since that period.*

And the said Berthelemi in the Preamble & on the behalf aforesaid, saith, that by reason of the aforesaid conduct of the said Dr. Thomas, the said Marianne hath [&] ~~suffered much~~ been exposed to great, shame and scandal among ^{all} her Relations, friends, acquaintances aforesaid, and hath been put to great ~~part to~~ ^{great} charge & expence in and about her lying in of the said female Child, [†] and hath otherwise suffered much in her health, [&] from anxiety of mind,
to

to gain her livelihood or shall have attained
the age of ^{or be proved} Majority, and further that the
said Dr. Thomas be adjudged to pay the
Costs of this Suit. —

Let the Defend^t be summoned
as prayed — }

Kings Bench. October Term

1797

Declaration

Berthelemi Collet - Plaintiff

One Thomas Cerrault - Defendant

£200 - Damages
for Seduction

A

St John's County of Newington
District of Montreal
Province Lower Canada } J

The examination of Marian Collet of the Parish of
St Joseph & County of Kent in the district as aforesaid
single woman / who being duly cautioned / made oath
on the Holy Evangelists before me Henry Hardie Esq
one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for said district
this thirteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred &
twenty seven,

Who saith that on the first Instant last, past, in
the Parish of St Joseph County of Kent, She the said
Marian Collet. was delivered of a (female) bastard child,
and, that the said bastard child, is likely, to become
chargeable, to the said parish of St Joseph. And
that Pierre, Thomas, Ferro, in the said Parish of St Joseph,
slavishly aforesaid, Laborer. did get her with child, of
the said bastard — further faith not
her

Taken & Signed the day & year
above written before me

Marian ne Collet
mark

Henry Hardie J. P.

Examination of
Marian Collet. of ~~St John~~
(or Chamblie) taken before
me this 13th June 1797.
at St John's

M. H. C.

The lot 75

clerk

Marie Louise Morin femme
d'Alexis De trois Maisons declare
et a declare en presence du temoin
sousigné avoir connu Marie Anne
Collet l'espace de deux ans pour
une brave parfaite honnete fille,
et n'avoir connu aucun mal dans
sa conduite. La susdite Marie
Louise Morin a dit ne savoir
signer a fait sa Marque ordinaire
apres lecture faite suivant l'or-
donnance

La
Marie Louise Morin
Marque

fait a Chambly

ce 10 Juin 1797

Francois Everhard
Temoin

Je soussigné declare avoir connu Marie Anne
celle pour une brave et parfaite. honnête. fille
l'espace de trois ans et jamais j'ai connu mal
en la conduite pendant ce temps là; En foi de
quoi j'ai signé ce présent avec ma propre main.

Donné à Chumblij
ce 10 Juin 1797

François Everhard

ex trait des Registres de la paroisse de Varennes

L'an mil sept cent soixante et dix huit le vingt
quatre avril, je soussigné Curé ai baptisé Marie
anne Né Saville En légitime Mariage de
Barthelemy Collet, et de ~~Mariage~~ Marie anne
Choquet. Le parrain a été Joseph Collet, et la
Marraine Marie Ladouceur qui ont déclaré ne savoir
signer. signé fr Duburon P^{re}

conforme à la minute. Ce 12 juin 1799

Je soussigne declare avoir connu
Marie Anne Collet l'espace de deux
ans et demi pour une brave et par-
faite honnête fille; et qu'elle a été
l'espace de deux mois à mon service
pendant quel temps elle se toujours
comportée comme il convient à une brave et
honnête fille; en foi de quoi Je lui
ai donné le présent pour servir ou
besoin sera.

Donné à Chambly. Philippe Heine
ce 10 Juin 1797