Francois Boucher entered the Company's service in 1833 in the Columbia Department. Information about his capacity and age does not appear in the Servant's Account until 1837 when it is recorded that he is a Native 21 years of age, and serving as an Apprentice in the New Caledonia District. (HBC Arch. B.239/g/13-17; B.223/g/3&4)

In 1838 he was made a "boute" (ie: steersman or bowman), and the following year was appointed Interpreter. He served in this capacity and in this district until 1843 when he is recorded as a settler in the Willamete River area. (in present day State of Oregon) (HBC Arch. B.223/g/3-8; B.239/g/13-23).