

so deeply felt to be the first duty and main support of a Christian prince; that affability, that inclination to do good to all, to lavish your treasures with a profusion that knows no limit but the wants of the needy; that spirit of equity, that love of order, virtues of which the Count de Toulouse was far more jealous than of his rank and all his greatness; that attachment to the royal person, that noble and disinterested zeal in his service; that cool and well-considered valor in the midst of the battle, of which you have just given such shining proof; in a word, all that was admired in the Prince whom we have so regretted, all that endeared him to true Frenchmen, all that they find revived in you.

My good fortune, my Lord, in seeing so noble a character increase and develop in you from your earliest childhood, and the cordial welcome with which you have ever favored my labors, encourage me to-day to offer you, what the Count de Toulouse had kindly accepted for himself, this fruit of my vigils, and of the voyage which I made under his auspices. Could I, indeed, find a more favorable opportunity to express the sincere and respectful devotion, with which I am,

My Lord,

Your Serene Highness's

Most humble and obed't servant,

P. FR. X. de CHARLEVOIX,  
of the Society of Jesus.

Paris, October 15, 1743.