

[1] Relation of what occurred in New France, in the years 1640 and 1641.

M^y REVEREND FATHER,
I do almost as he who, having written his letters, should be himself the bearer of them. I sketched in New France the following Chapters, and I come myself to present them to Your Reverence. The fleet which conveyed these few lines across the Ocean took on board three of our Society,—Father Nicolas Adam, whom the kindness of Your Reverence has recalled on account of his infirmities; Father Claude [2] Quentin, whom you have also summoned that he may labor in the affairs of the Mission; and myself, who appear without being expected, but not without having been sent. Monsieur the Chevalier de Montmagny, our Governor, the principal Frenchmen of our Colony, the Reverend Father Vimont, our Superior, and all our Fathers,—the Savages, even,—have sentenced me to undertake this voyage for the public and common good. We were a company of four vessels commanded by the sieur de Courpon, a brave man, and a good sailor. A storm separated us on leaving the gulf of saint Lawrence, so that we neither saw each other afterward, nor met at sea. The vessel which carried Father Claude Quentin, having taken the channel of saint George for that which separates England from France, did not appear for a long time; but, at last, God has brought it safely to port. We met on nearing land a great mast