

la Vacherie, by right of the letters given by Messieurs of the Company, on the 24th of July; and on this Day the Deeds therefor were drawn up.

*New act of possession
for all our lands.*

On the 15th, a procession was made to the hospital and to the Ursulines', at the end of vespers, after the *benedicamus Domino*. There were bells, banner, Cross, two candlesticks, two chanters; then came our brother Ambroise and pierre Gontier (*qui duo se ipsis hunc acceperunt locum, Immo et cum oppositum Insinuassem, quo spiritu nescio, toleravi et dissimulavi*); then Monsieur de St. Sauveur and Monsieur the prior in surplices, who sang the litany; and father Vimont and I, with a small reliquary. At the religious houses we sang some couplets of the litany of our lady; and afterward the Appropriate prayers.

*Procession against
the caterpillars.*

On this same Day came the news from Tadousak of a basque who was trading in the river near them. It was necessary to use patience, for we had no forces, and, even if we had some, it would only be a waste of time, since he would have reached his fleet before we had set out from Quebec.

*News of a basque
vessel at Tadousak.*

On the 21st, the first letters and news from the Hurons were delivered to me,—dated the 10th of June,—by persons from the yroquet nation.

*News from the
Hurons.*

On the 19th, we began a novena of benedictions of the Blessed Sacrament for the good condition and outcome of affairs,—especially for the fruits of the earth and the return of the vessels.

Novena.