

*of any unpleasant results. The desire for revenge, which they cherish to an extreme degree after such losses as have cost them much blood, would have made them opposed to peace in a much greater degree than their own interest would have urged them to seek it. They would, too, have been less injured by the death of a very large number of their bravest warriors than they will be by the loss of all their provisions,—a loss which will compel them to retire forty leagues farther into the country, spreading fear and famine everywhere as they go. Hence we may assert that the God of peace is the Author of this marvel, and he has made us conquer in a way that is of most service to the Faith and to our great Monarch's purposes, and at the same time not less glorious to our troops; for not less wisdom and generalship were required in the Commanders, and far more courage and constancy in the soldiers. These successes, too, have diffused throughout this country a universal joy which will be still greater hereafter, when we reap the fruits of victory. To hasten this consummation I pray you to bestow your blessing constantly upon our labors, and to secure Heaven's benediction for us by your prayers. I am,*

MY REVEREND FATHER,

Your very humble and obedient servant, FRANÇOIS  
LE MERCIER, of the  
Society of JESUS.

*Kebec, November 12, 1666.*