

[3] Letter from the Reverend Mother Superior of the Hospital Nuns of Kebec, in New France. October 3, 1666.

*To Monsieur \* \* \* \*, Citizen of Paris.*

MONSIEUR,  
MAY our Lord be our eternal reward! We received your Letters with the deepest joy at learning that you were in good health. It can only be that so good a bodily state at such a great age is a fulfillment of the promises made by our Lord to those who serve him, as you do, so faithfully in the persons of his members. We most heartily pray him [4] to continue crowning you with his favors during this life; and to make you taste through all eternity the happiness resulting from laboring here below for the advancement of his glory and the relief of the poor and forsaken. We have received all your bales, without which our poor patients would have lacked everything most needful in their infirmities, since nothing has come to us for their assistance except what you have sent us. This adds more and more to our obligations toward you and toward the pious persons who join you in the contributing of their alms—for which I return you very humble thanks, in the name of our little Community and of our poor patients. But our thanks are closely followed by a fresh petition. I send you a little [5] memorandum of what we most need, doubting not that you will do your utmost to procure us the things therein asked for, as we have too many