

To the Reverend Father Jacques Bordier, Provincial of the Society of JESUS in the Province of France.

MY REVEREND FATHER,

*Tidings concerning our Missions and the establishment of Jesus Christ's Kingdom in this country are so intimately connected with those which have regard to the King's service and our Nation's glory, that, in sending you these Annals of war, I render you an account of the state of Christianity, and of all the hopes which our pains and exertions lead us to cherish. His Majesty's arms, in demonstrating that nothing is impossible to those who fight for so great a Prince, have removed the chief obstacle to the Gospel in these vast Regions, by humbling the pride of the Nations that opposed it. There is no one acquainted with the nature of this country who does not, in reviewing the expeditions of our troops, and especially the latest one of Monsieur de Tracy, recognize with awe the very signal protection which Heaven extends over New France, and admire the courage and excellent management of those who undertook these expeditions. The pride and insolence of the enemies of the Savior's Cross arose merely from the obstacles that prevented our attacking them,—obstacles which had always been considered insurmountable. These Barbarians, after finding themselves driven out of the heart of their country, at last became conscious that they were not invincible; and it was God's will, in sparing their blood, that we should have all the advantages accruing from those victories, without fear*