

sent to convert the Savages and to console the captive french. For our part we are occupied in clearing up many affairs with our *Bishop*. He has established limited approbations; he has ordered that we shall have no meetings of the congregation on sunday mornings; he has taken away general communions; he has interdicted the recollet fathers; he has threatened me more than once with interdiction. This last occurred in connection with a matter that I have had to settle with him regarding the governor of Villemarie; he has always been a penitent of mine, but our bishop has styled him an adulterer, a scandalous liver, and a seditious man, who is trying to put himself above the bishop. The Recollet fathers, after presenting a protest to Monsieur the bishop, who refused to hear any reason, have opened their church and raised the interdict. This affair will not fail to produce a sensation in France. Our congregation, which contained over 50 members, meets no more. We were in the habit of holding the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament *every thursday*. Monsieur the bishop allows us to do so only twice a month, and has given the others to the Gentlemen of St. Sulpice, who did not look favorably upon the religious established in their town.²⁰ He wishes us to refuse communion, for no other reason than that communions are too frequent in Canada. His predecessor, monsieur de Laval, who sees all this, is a holy man, and says that he was greatly deceived when he divested himself of his bishopric in favor of him who, contrary to his *expectations*, *harasses us*, and *seeks only to humiliate the religious*. My case is this: Monsieur the bishop had issued a decree by which he ordered us to refuse the sacraments to our