

has said that, on the first alarm of an Enemy, He would abandon the place and come here; but I can hardly Believe that he will leave it If we do not.²⁹ Nevertheless, these gentlemen Have undertaken to provide missionaries. They receive, as Your Reverence Knows, 3 or 4,000 livres for 4 missionaries, and there is only monsieur Bergier; 1,000 livres for the Cure that we have been good enough to cede to them,—with 150 500 livres for a vicar, whom it has not, and 600 livres for the chaplain. If it were only Known at the Court How we are Desired here! . . . But as I would appear to be an interested party, I say not a word, in spite of the promises that I made to God to die among my poor Illinois. Monsieur de la vante is a strange man. Monsieur de muy would have sent him back this year; and nothing will go on well, *this year*, Unless he is recalled.

I do not think that I shall start before easter, and monsieur de Bienville will do all that I [may] Desire, in order that I may go up. As I Know not what is wanting at the Illinois establishment, I do not send you an invoice. The things we most need are: 1st, a barrel of one hundred livres of powder. 2nd, 10 livres [2 ounces] of white Beads, olive-shaped and large-sized; 4 livres of small beads,—blue, green, and white. 3rd, 5 livres of good vermilion. 4th, one gross of large Clasp-Knives. 5th, half a gross of large [bells, and half a gross of small ones. 6th, twelve pots of Spanish wine]. And, [7th,] 4 pairs of rather light Shoes. We need no linen, but Your Reverence would do well to send us 2 winter and 2 Summer Cassocks, for those among us four who are most in want of them. I beg Your Reverence to Bear in mind that we have no servant for our 2 missions,