

promptly and punctually The note that I made out in favor of sieur d'Iberville, for it is important that he should not suppose that your Reverence has Any trouble in paying what we have taken from him here; we would be unable to obtain anything more here. We will take nothing except in case of extreme necessity; but, after all, if Your Reverence do not send us what we ask, we shall be obliged to procure it here, at an advance of from 3 to 400 per cent. Place no reliance whatever on Monsieur Lesueur, whose arrogance is Unbearable, and who has had a groundless quarrel with me about his canoe, which was plundered at [*illegible*], and about The appropriation of a hundred livres of powder. I am greatly mistaken if he does not leave his company to join Monsieur d'Iberville. My Reverend father, always accept from both of them whatever they offer you, as if you had no doubt of their sincerity. But let us take the Right measures with the persons to whom these affairs pertain to maintain ourselves in this new colony,—where we shall be no less persecuted than in china and elsewhere. Unless God grant me His sure aid for my conversion, I shall no longer have anything of the Religious about me except The habit. I remain with Great Respect, in The sacred heart of Jesus,

your Reverence's

very humble and

very obedient servant,

JACQUES GRAVIER, S.J.

This 25th of march, 1702.

At last I [am about] to start.

[Addressed: "My Reverend Father, Reverend Father De Lamberville, of The society of Jesus, at the college of Louis Le grand, Paris."]