

successful. Shall it be said that the gentlemen of the seminary, who work less than we do, will continually receive both grants and pensions for living in missions where they do nothing, and which they abandon at once?—as we see in The lower missisipi, where all those gentlemen do not even take the trouble to learn the Savage Tongues. And quite recently, also, monsieur foucault has abandoned The famous mission of the acansas.<sup>12</sup>

An effort should also be made to give us accurate information about monsieur de ponchartrain's intentions—respecting what is asked and expected from our Savages, as well as the grant that The court will be pleased to give them. I think you understand what I mean.

Monsieur Jucherau is prodigal of his promises, but he thinks, in reality, of his own interests. The Father who is with him is not at all pleased. He is neither a missionary, for there are no Savages, nor a chaplain, for there is no stipend. He has not even a person to help him in his needs. I am pressed for time; the dear Father will write you The rest. I remain in the union of Holy Sacrifices,

My Reverend Father,

Your Reverence's

Very humble and very

obedient servant,

GABRIEL MAREST, S.J.

The 26th of november [1702],  
among the ilinois On The  
missisipi.

[Addressed: "To My Reverend Father, Father de Lamberville, of the Society of Jesus, at the College of Louis le grand, at Paris."]