

the Indies, regarding various affairs of the Louisiana mission. The first of these is dated November 2, 1726, and is apparently written from the French city of L'Orient, while waiting for the ship which is to convey him to his mission. There are perplexing delays, which chafe his eager soul and deplete his purse; and he urges more dispatch in sending him and his household away. He gives a humorous account of the discipline that he is obliged to exercise over an arrogant youth who has been placed in his charge.

Beaubois writes again (May 11, 1727) to La Loë, this time from New Orleans. He says: "I have nothing but good news of this country to give you." The new governor, Perrier, has restored order and tranquillity, and the habitants are doing well. Beaubois has begun to carry on a farm; he has "a small tobacco plantation that is truly magnificent." He experienced considerable losses at his arrival in Louisiana, and desires that the Company will reimburse him. He asks for free transportation for the child of a lady in New Orleans. The ship which is to convey the Ursuline nuns has not yet arrived, although long overdue; and much anxiety is felt regarding her. He has many cares and heavy responsibilities, and but an empty purse wherewith to meet them. He is "more embarrassed and more occupied than is the most worldly lady with her Toilet."

We are indebted to the late Dr. G. Devron, of New Orleans, for the loan of the originals of these two letters by Beaubois, also for the careful transcription of them which we here publish. By further study of the torn and crabbed MSS., he had been enabled to