

gentlemen, we shall absolutely be compelled to declare ourselves bankrupt. That would be a mean exit from france, and a ridiculous Entry into Misciscipi. I have seen the Seigneur francois [whom] you place in my charge. Rest assured, monsieur, that I shall take care of him; and I shall render [him] all the services in my power. You were right in warning [me] that he is not very bright, and I will give him [letters pat]ent in confirmation of this whenever he likes. We shall have leisure to become acquainted. [I have] Commenced in a manner that perhaps does not please him much. [He assumes] petty airs of arrogance, of which the entire household has complained to me; and, as [such a complaint] from an entire Body carries weight with it, I took it up, and rather loud [words] ensued. The young man Was affected by this, [as] he is not with me on the footing of a *Boarder with the jesuits*,—[*not being*] *a man of rank who lives upon his revenues*,—and as he is going to *Foreign countries through charity*. We effected a slight Exchange of his fine titles for the [more prac]tical one of the Jesuit Fathers; and on the spot I made him rinse out a glass, which [he did] with a good grace and Not like an apprentice. You had forgotten to put brother . . . on the list of passengers, on which you entered only six Jesuit fathers; also . . . the Slave that I bought from monsieur de bourgnon—whose name I had begged [you] to insert, and to add to the Number of the 7 workmen. I know [not] whether you have had the kindness to write to Monsieur de fayette respecting . . . of Wax. That Gentleman at the Beginning was somewhat [slow]; he seems to me, however, to be getting over That. But I have to [dis]pute every