

Con[cord], which had been banished from here. May God grant that all the good that we write about Louisiana to the Company may Induce Those Gentlemen to accede [liberally] to the requests that you make in Our favor. [I] assure you that they could Not do better; and [if] the Company will but give some slight assurance to the habi[tant,] it is incredible, judging from the past, what he [may] do in the future. I am Head over ears a habitant. The plow has been at work for a fortnight, and [I have] a small Tobacco plantation that Is truly magnificent. It Is a great pity that I should have experienced the [losses that I did] on arriving here. You will see, by the letter [that I wrote] to Monsieur the abbé Raguet, How far this [throws me] back, and in what a state of Embarrassment I am. Praise be to [God]; he is the Master and he knows what [is] needed. I hazard a little request to the [Company] in disclosing to them my misfortune; I know not [whether they] will pay any Heed to [it]. A little Assistance on your [part will do] wonders, and you know How much I [shall] be obliged to you. You will see Poor Monsieur . . . once again in the future. I regret him, and the Company deprives itself [of a] good man; he Is always the same, and he claims [that], whatever you may say, you will always [regret him]. Monsieur The abbé Barthelon, who will [hand] you this letter, will give you details [that] will please [you]. He Is a very worthy Ecclesiastic, [who] deserves that the Company should pay some attention to [him]; it would be desirable that you should have only chaplains of that stamp on your [list].

[I] know not, Monsieur, whether you have had the