

goodness [to write] to monsieur dela chaise with reference to Me, but I [find him] very hard Toward me. I am quite willing to believe that [this] is not due to his Mind estranged from me, although [I] notice some trifling things, because I [am] not the only one who finds him severe. I do all [that] I can to Win his good graces, but everything [is limited] to outward politeness — to which formerly was added something better, which has disappeared.

Will you kindly, Monsieur, do me the [pleasure] of procuring a passage for the daughter of Madame de . . . ? She is a young Child 8 or 9 years of age, whom Madame . . . had left behind her in france, and whom she is bringing out here to join [her]. If the Company will not grant her a passa[ge], it will be paid here; for That lady Is not in a Position [to] pay it in france. Evidently there must have been [some] counter-order with reference to the *Gironde*; if [she] sailed at the appointed time, it Is impossible that she should Not be here [already]. We await her with Great impatience, [and I am] very anxious for those poor Nuns, whose arrival here is [looked forward to] like that of the Messiah.⁴² I Rely always, Mon[sieur, on] what you Were kind enough to promise me, [and depend upon you to] notify me of what might concern Us. I [assure] you that I have great Confidence in you, and I Hope that [you] will be pleased not to disappoint it. All our Fathers who [are] here desire me to send you their greetings. You [very] often form the Subject of the Conversations of the Com[munity]. They are now all preparing to depart, each to his own [field]. You may imagine my Embarrassment with a farm to cultivate; a Courtyard to make; the departure of