

16 or 17 persons for [various] places to attend to; a household to provide for with an empty purse; creditors to satisfy,—and all this at a time when [a] ship is ready to start. I assure you that I am more em[barrassed] and more occupied than Is the most worldly lady with her Toilet. I think that poor francois is [perceptibly] getting worse; he is daily becoming more and more stupid. I am Sending him to the Akansas with Father du poisson. He will be very comfortable there; but [should the Father not] succeed in getting something out of Him, [it will] be Necessary to throw the Helve after the [hatchet].

Adieu, Monsieur; a thousand thanks for all [your kind acts]. Continue Them toward me, I beg of you; and rest assured [that by] obliging us you will not oblige ungrateful persons. I have [the honor] to Be, with respect and every Consideration,

Monsieur,

Your very humble and
very obedient servant,

N. I. DE BEAUBOIS, jesuit.

[At] New Orleans, This 11th of may,
1727.