

into the enemy's hands. Father Deblonfont, whom we expected from the province of Lyons, and who had set out from that city for la Rochelle, has not made his appearance in Canada. We do not know what has become of him. It is surmised that father de Laneuville has enticed him away to the mission of the islands. We stand, however, in much need of laborers: if a dozen came over next year, we would not have too many. I intend to stir them up in the home province by my letters, so as to have a good levy. I am writing to some of the willing ones among our Jesuits who formerly spoke to me about their vocation to the missions Etrangères. I am sure that they will have every facility with your Reverence in carrying out their design. I stand as much in need of your Holy prayers as ever, and earnestly ask you for them. I beg you to believe that I will be for life, with the most profound Respect,

my Reverend father,

Your Reverence's

most humble and

obedient servant,

NAU,

of the society of Jesus.³⁷

Quebec, October 20, 1734.