

Letter from reverend father Aulneau, of the
Society of Jesus, to Reverend Father Bonin.

FORT ST. CHARLE, among the
Kiristinaux, April 30, 1736.

MY REVEREND FATHER,
Pax Christi.

The letters I had the honor to write to you last year, 1735, caused you, no doubt, some surprise. I therein took the liberty of asking you for certain things which my lack of experience in the missions, whither Providence has called me, and I know not what fancy, alone could have suggested, nor should I be at all surprised if you paid no attention to those requests. Let me ask you to pardon me for all the trouble and annoyance I may have caused you. The wandering life I must needs lead would prevent me from carrying about anything but what is strictly indispensable. Moreover, the money which was to be remitted to you would have scarcely sufficed to buy a quarter of all I asked your reverence. Once more, my Reverend Father, pardon me my want of discretion.

I reached fort St. Charle October 23rd, 1735. I had set out from the Iroquois mission of Saut Saint Louis, June 21st, the feast of Saint Louis de Gonzague, under whose protection I believe Providence intended that I should place myself, and thus foreordaining that the day of my departure and of my complete separation from all that could afford me