

PREFACE TO VOL. LXXI

Following is a synopsis of the documents contained in this volume :

CCXXIX. This is a letter (dated at Paris, February 12, 1759) from Alain X. de Launay to one of the Ursuline nuns at Quebec (whose business affairs in France are cared for by Jesuit friends). He expresses his sympathy for the perils to which the Sisters are exposed by the war, and commends their decision to order this year no supplies from France, lest the English capture these. He warns them to practice the utmost economy, as their revenues are now much smaller.

CCXXX. Soon after the capture of Quebec, Father Well writes (October 17, 1759) to De Launay, endeavoring to make arrangements with the latter for the conveyance of letters from France to the Fathers in Canada, via Scotland. The latter are waiting to learn whether Canada may hope for peace.

CCXXXI. De Launay again writes (April 19, 1760) to his Ursuline correspondent at Quebec. Although the nuns are in sore need of assistance, he cannot send them supplies until he can ascertain whether these will reach them in safety. He mentions with approval the humanity displayed by the English conquerors, and looks forward to the establishment