

Letter of Father Alain de Launay, at Paris, to
the Reverend Mother Depositary of
the Ursuline Mothers of Quebec.

M^Y REVEREND MOTHER,
The peace of Our Lord.

I share in your grief because of the sad condition in which you are placed by the continuation of the war, the flames of which seem to burn more and more fiercely. You in particular are threatened with its rigors, and we are greatly alarmed for the fate of the whole Colony. Everything resounds with the efforts about to be made by the English to overwhelm all our possessions in North America. I think that You are adopting the wisest course in having nothing sent out from France this year. It is True, You will pay very dear for the necessaries of life, but at least you will have them; while what I might purchase here for You would probably be captured, and, loss for loss, it would be better that You should lose with profit than meet absolute loss. Our missionaries have not been more fortunate than You. As Your crop was fairly abundant, I Presume that You need no flour, so I send You none. I will honor the Bill of exchange which You draw on me to the order of Monsieur Vincelotte. Enclosed You will find the Accounts for this year, and for a portion of the previous one, which I add because You write me that the English took my Duplicates for last year. If the Lord preserve You in Canada, send me next