

Letter of Father Alain de Launay to the
Reverend Mother Depositary of the
Ursulines of Quebec.

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For the mother.

MADAME,
I see by your two Letters in what a sad condition you are placed by the misfortunes of war. We can but pity your lot, although in our religion we have many motives well fitted to afford us consolation amid all these calamities. I wish that I could procure for you the assistance that you need; but I know not whether the route via England is as yet very safe. I will try it for our missionaries, and, if successful, I will also make an attempt on your account. I am assured that the victors are making a very humane use of their victory, and that they have expressed esteem and veneration for your virtues, and gratitude for the services which you render them. God be ever praised therefor. Your funds are increasing here while you do not draw on me. I give you no particulars, since you know what your ordinary revenue is—which I have collected, and for which I will account to you when peace is proclaimed. There is talk of peace; pray the Lord that it may soon be concluded. We all need it, but our sins prevent it, and we are not yet sufficiently punished. I commend myself to the prayers of your Community. I present my very humble respects to