

the Kaskias property. He promised me, however, that the latter should not be offered for sale until then. Sieur Jautard goes to Canada, and thence to New York or London, to obtain release from the possession of the said estate. The land at Fort Chartres is also, for the same reason, in danger of being carried away by the river. I have caused to be removed, and conveyed to la prairie du rocher, the [*illegible word in MS.*] of Monsieur Gagnon and Reverend Father Luc, a recollet, worthy missionaries. This is all I could do.⁵

There is also, in this village of the Kaskias, the property of the Jesuits which was unjustly seized, confiscated, and sold by the French government after the cession of the country to England. If your lordship or Your missionaries in Canada wish to revindicate it. As for myself, I ask nothing: I am too old. But I would always be grieved to see the chapel and Cemetery profaned, being used as a garden and storehouse by the English, who rent them from Sieur Jean Baptiste Bauvais—who, under the decree of confiscation and the contract of sale and purchase of the property, etc., was obliged to demolish the chapel and leave its site and that of the cemetery uncultivated under the debris.⁶ He says that the subdelegate, the executor of the decree, has since sold the property to him. By what Right? The presses used for the vestments and sacred vessels are now used in his apartments, as well as the altar-cruets and the floor, etc.

My continual reproaches to him on that score have kept him away from me and from the sacraments for three years. I beg you to give me a decision on this, and to say whether, in case of his presenting