

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

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MY VERY REVEREND MOTHER,
The peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your Letter gave me infinite pleasure by reassuring me with regard to the state of your Health, which is sufficiently delicate to cause alarm to your friends after too long an interval. I praise The Lord, who preserves you for the benefit of the poor Community in Quebec. This is the first year in which I Am without news from the Superior of our missionary fathers. My last Letter cannot have reached him; or, what is still more probable, the answer has been intercepted. In any case, you would render me a service and give me great pleasure if you would be kind enough to ascertain from Monsieur De villars—to whom I send my respects—the condition of our fathers in Canada, and whether they continue to exercise their ministry freely; what has become of the suit brought against them by father Lavalette's creditors, who asked nothing less than to despoil them completely, as they had succeeded in doing elsewhere;³ and Whether our former missionaries, such as fathers Richer, St. pé, and others, are still living. You will not disapprove of a Holy curiosity which leads me to take a Particular interest in them. You Know the relations that