

Letter of Father J. B. de la Brosse to Madame —.

MY DEAR DAUGHTER,

I have been disappointed on two occasions when I hoped to send you my first letter, and was compelled to await the departure of the peasant Luinau. I had even decided to go down with him, and you may imagine how pleased I would have been to see you, even if only for a short time—especially if I could have hoped to contribute to your recovery or relief. But the difficulty of procuring a vehicle, and my fear that I might be unable to find, in the busy season, an opportunity for returning, deterred me. The agent at sept isles is to send for me about the fifteenth of next month, if the savages winter at la pointe des monts. It is true, Monsieur Stuart has written to me that very few families have presented themselves; nevertheless, I am bound by my promise until it is no longer necessary for me to go there. Monsieur Stuart also tells me in his letter that Monsieur Lepage assured him that I would pass the winter at Rimouski; and, in consequence of that information, he seems to fear that next spring I shall return *even* later. But these fears are groundless, for I have made no such promise, even to you, to whom I would refuse nothing. You know, however, what trouble and inconvenience would be Caused by a second winter passed as the first was, and how little reliance can be placed on