

This Kind are not within my province, but solely within Yours; and I am delighted to be concerned in this affair merely that I may inform You that I remain with great respect, Monsieur, Your very Humble and very obedient Servant

C. M. MESSENGER,

Jesuit Missionary.

AT THE POST OF THE RIVER ST JOSEPH, this 2nd of October, 1724.

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MONSIEUR—Having learned (by one Oulameque, who met some of Your French) that It was You, Monsieur, who were appointed to take The place of Monsieur de boisbriant,<sup>1</sup> I unite with Those gentlemen who Write to You in Telling You that no effort is being made to put an end to The war which The regnarts are waging, not only on us but also against The illinois, where Your French Are at all times surrounded. It is necessary, Monsieur, to work in Concert with us for The success of This undertaking Without, however, The Consent of the regnarts. Steps must be taken to withdraw The Slaves from the hands of the jllinois If they have any. The regnarts complain that they were deceived by Your Savages in 1716, and that the latter kept some of Their people when they had Agreed mutually to deliver Them up to one another. Le Chat blan [White Cat], who has Undertaken to carry These Letters and to hand Them to You, is commendable for his Ability. We (all The missionaries, and Those gentlemen who Write to you) beg You to Entrust Le Chat blan with the Slaves whom You will withdraw from the hands of the jllinois, to Be handed over to us, in order that we may strive to effect peace between Those two nations, who are greatly excited Against each other. Father messenger, who Writes to You from here, informs You of everything. I unite with Him in commending to you Le Chat blan, who assures us that he will bring back directly to this place Whatever You may Entrust him with. It is The Surest and

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<sup>1</sup>This letter was written to the new commandant at Kaskaskia, Claude Charles du Tisé. He was at Mobile in 1714, and served with distinction for many years in Louisiana and Illinois. He died probably in 1730.—Ed.