

trust of the Outavas. And, as the latter are Much more numerous, the former have taken a firm resolution to retire to Montreal; detroit will lose nothing by this as the Chaouenons are to take their place. If I cannot prevent this migration of the hurons, I hope at least, Monseigneur, to avert the consequences of the proximity of two nations hostile to one another and to make them live in peace.

Your grace was good enough to grant me a concession between Madame d'argenteuil and the Gentlemen of the Quebec Seminary.¹ Monsieur Hocquart alone finds objections to it which I do not very well understand and which Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois has not raised. Permit me therefore, Monseigneur, to repeat my application to you.

I took the liberty last year of asking Your grace for a Cross of St Louis. Monsieur the marquis de Beauharnois was good Enough to support my request, and I hope, Monseigneur, you will not refuse me That mark of distinction in the position in which you were pleased to place me amongst nations that hold in consideration only those who wear a decoration. Such a favor will leave me but little to desire, will crown all the Kindness your grace has shown me, and carry to the highest degree the infinite gratitude, the most submissive devotion, and the profound respect with which

I remain, Monseigneur Your Grace's very humble and very obedient servant

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¹Madame d'Argenteuil (Marie Louise Denys) was the widow of Pierre D'Ailleboust, Sieur d'Argenteuil (see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, pp. 253, 263), brother-in-law of Claude de Ramezay (see *ibid.*, p. 300). The seigniority of Argenteuil was granted (1680) to Charles Joseph d'Ailleboust, Sieur de Musseaux, Pierre's father; it extended along the Ottawa River, below the Sault, in the present county of Argenteuil. Pierre died of apoplexy in 1711, and the title to the seigniority passed to his wife's family.

The Quebec seminary, established by Laval, first bishop of Quebec, for the training of young men for the priesthood, was richly endowed with lands; among these was the island of Jesus, which is probably referred to here.—ED.