

cere thanks and pardon me for my negligence in not having replied to all the kind letters that you have written me. you do not acknowledge the receipt of a single letter. I believe, however that you will write more in the future I shall be more careful to renew to you the tender, warm and sincere assurances of my complete attachment You will be surprised at the smallness of the returns that I have made for you this year. If your merchandise had been of another kind it would have all been sold. I will make you an inventory tomorrow of all that remains for you. I owe you for 738<sup>lrs</sup> 6<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>e</sup> price of the invoice.

I have given orders that what remains shall be remitted to the petit Blomb.

I have written to my father to credit you with the sum of a thousand livres in letter of exchange I informed him that there would remain 250<sup>lrs</sup> of indebtedness that you would pay next year That my dear sir is all that I could sell. that which I sent to ouitanont has come back to me in the same kind, and all spoiled [?] If I could have done better with my own buisness ventures I would have done what you asked of me. I sold my merchandise on credit without obtaining more peltry that fell into the hands of those who sold to the savages I have given you my news do the same by me and believe that I am always yours wholly Monsieur

Your very humble and very obedient servant

LONGUEUIL<sup>65</sup>

At DETROIT, August 3, 1752.

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<sup>65</sup> This was probably Charles Jacques Le Moyne de Longueuil, who commanded a convoy to relieve Detroit in 1752; see *ante*, p. 117. It has usually been attributed to his uncle, the Chevalier de Longueuil, who would hardly speak thus of his father, who had been dead for many years.—ED.