

I have the honour to be, with respect and devotedness,  
my very dear Mother,

Your most humble and obedient servant,

NAU, of the Soc. of Jesus.

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*(Translation)*

FATHER DUBOIS TO MADAME AULNEAU.

Address : Mademoiselle La Touche Aulneau, en la  
Maison de Moutiers, près Luçon. A Luçon—Bas Poitou.  
Mademoiselle,

I do not know if I had the honour of answering you  
previous to my departure. At all events, you will be glad  
to know that at last I have reached my destination and in  
excellent health, thank God. Our voyage lasted fifty-eight  
days, during fifteen of which I was laid up. The first  
tempests which we encountered were the only ones which  
inspired me with fear, and I commended my soul to God.

A little confidence in the Blessed Virgin, doubtless,  
will dispel many causes of apprehension in the future.  
But all the past must count for little now that I am at my  
journey's end. It remains for me to acquit myself of the  
task for which I came. Here more than elsewhere have  
we to labour, and, short of martyrdom, we have as much to  
suffer and to fear as if we were among savages. We  
escape the cruelty of human beings to be tortured by  
insects, and the frightful roads we travel, when we go on  
sick-calls two or three leagues off, bring us at every step  
face to face with death.

In other respects the country is a delightful one. The  
trees, all the year round, are laden with blossoms and fruits,