TO THE RIGHT REVEREND

John Chieverus.

BISHOP OF BOSTON.

MY DEAR LORD AND FRIEND,

I TAKE the liberty to inscribe my Pamphlet to your Lordship.—To you it owes its existence; for to you (under God,) I owe my Conversion.

It would, perhaps, have a better claim to notice, had Providence permitted me to prolong my pupilage and mature my Catholicity under such Gamaliels as yourself, and the late beloved and ever lamented Doctor Matignon.

I PRAY God, that delaying your reward for the good of mankind, he will protract the life of so diligent a labourer in his Vineyard—that you may long remain to instruct by your precept, and edify by your example;—in short, that the lapse of many years may still find you a blessing to your Diocese, and an ornament to the American Republic!

I am

My dear Lord and Friend, Your affectionate grateful Servant,

THE AUTHOR.

Boucherville, L. C. Michaelmas, 1821.