

Among the Cascaskias,
The 5th of July, 1702.

MY REVEREND FATHER,

I have already written to you via quebec, but we take every opportunity to pay our respects to your reverence. Father Pinet, a very Holy and Zealous missionary, has left The mission at the tamarous, or arkinsa, in accordance with your directions to me. But he has only half quitted It, for he has Left a man in our house there who takes care of it; and thus we occasionally go thither from this place to show that we are obedient to the king pending the receipt of his orders. That Father now has charge of the Cascaskias, where I leave him alone, to His great sorrow—owing to present circumstances, wherein monsieur bergier shows that he is a worthy member of the missions etrangeres. Inform Him of the ruling by which The vicars-general have no right to visit our churches or to hear confessions in them without our consent. I am convinced that these missions will receive rude shocks. They were beginning to be on a good footing. This caused Jealousy in the minds of the gentlemen of the missions etrangeres, who have come to take them from us.⁹ God grant that they may leave them in a better condition than we have done. It also seems as if there were a coolness on the part of monsieur D'iberville; and perhaps next year there may be a freezing coldness. God be praised, who grants to this beneficent church The same trials which he gave to those most cherished by him. I would write you more at length, had I not done so via quebec, giving you in that letter every possible information about all our affairs. As you will receive