

I reached Nulato on the following day, happy to find F. Mandart in good health, and to be able to celebrate the next day the Holy Sacrifice of Mass in honor of St. Francis Xavier, patron of Missionaries.

Very sincerely yours in J. C.

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SIXTH LETTER.

An ice trip of 350 miles.—Intense Cold resulting in a frozen face.—The different dialects of the Indians.—A fierce tornado on the Youcon, etc.

St. Michael's Redoubt, Alaska Territory, July 4th., 1878. }

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER JONCKAU.

This is the anniversary of American Independence. Everyone is busy preparing all that will make this day a day of great rejoicing. In the meanwhile, I will devote to you a few moments by describing my mission down the Youcon river. Knowing that I would have no time to visit the tribes of the lower Youcon, after the breaking up of the ice, and learning that the Russian trader of Nulato had prepared himself for a trip to the Russian mission, a distance of nearly 350 miles, I asked him if I would be allowed to go along and be permitted time enough to instruct the Indians on our way; and with his consent, I bade farewell to Father Mandart for a month, and left Nulato on the 25th of January of this year. The Mercury stood 5° (37° below freezing), and the intensity of the cold increased gradually, until, on the 31st of January, the mercury was