

LETTER I.*

CHARLEMONT TO INCHQUIN.

Dated at Paris.

My dear preceptor and friend,

ACCORDING to promise I send after you the notice of St. Pierre, which I procured from M. de —, too late, to mould into the exercise you desired, before your departure from ***.† As it is authentic, being in part communicated by the philosopher himself to M. de —, and the rest having passed under his observation, you are at liberty to communicate it to our friends at Baltimore, or any others, who may be desirous of learning particulars concerning so distinguished and amiable a votary of science.

James Henry Bernardin de St. Pierre was born in the District of Caux, in the Province of Normandy, of an ancient and respectable family: being a near relation to the Abbé St. Pierre, celebrated for his

* This letter is a translation from the French, in which the original is written.....E.

† One word is erased here.