

## DEDICATION.

TO MONSEIGNEUR COLBERT, COUNSELLOR OF THE KING  
IN HIS ROYAL COUNCIL, INTENDANT OF FINANCE,  
AND SUPERINTENDENT OF HIS MAJESTY'S BUILDINGS,  
BARON SEIGNELAY, &c.,

MY LORD,

Having written a succinct, but correct account and natural history of New France, which is watered by the great river Saint Lawrence and its tributary lakes and rivers, I deem this dedication of the work to be due to you, God having given you a singular love of this country, which will no doubt go on increasing when you shall have been more fully informed of the fertility and beauty of all these regions.

All those who know you agree in thinking that the surest way to interest you in any subject, is to show you that the King's glory and the interests of France are concerned in connection with it, and that when that has been done, one may count upon your exertions and influence being put forth in regard to it, with the happiest results.

Such being the case, I have thought, my Lord, that this statement might contribute in some degree to the increase of the inclination you have already, to cause this New France of ours to prosper, and to make a new world of it, when you learn from the contents, written in my simple and artless style, that it really is worth peopling, and that it could easily receive the overflowings