

Having been ill at Quebec during the past year, from the month of January even to the month of June, of a slow fever, against which all remedies had been tried in vain, and of a diarrhœa, which even ipecacuana could not cure, it was thought well to record a vow, in case it should please God to relieve me of these two maladies, to make a pilgrimage to the mission of St. Francis Xavier, to pray at the tomb of Catharine Tegahkouita. On the very same day the fever ceased; and the diarrhœa having become better, I embarked some days afterwards to fulfil my vow. Scarcely had I accomplished one third of my journey when I found myself perfectly cured. As my health is something so very useless that I should not have dared to ask for it, if I had not felt myself obliged to do so by the deference which I ought to have for the servants of the Lord, it is impossible reasonably to withhold the belief that God, in according to me this grace, had no other view than to make known the credit which this excellent maiden had with him. For myself, I should fear that I was unjustly withholding the truth, and refusing to the missions of Canada the glory which is due to them, if I did not testify, as I have now done, that I am a debtor for my cure to this Iroquois virgin. It is for this reason that I have given the present attestation, with every sentiment of gratitude of which I am capable, to increase, as far as is in my power, the confidence which is felt in my benefactress, but still more to excite the desire to imitate her virtues.

Given at Villemarie, the 14th of September, 1696.

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The second testimonial is from M. du Luth, captain in