

That letter before this one, I refer you to it, and content myself at present with telling you of my continual remembrance of your reverence. To-night I shall commence my retreat, immediately after which I shall leave for The Scious country. I remain, with respect,

My Reverend Father,

Your Reverence's

Very humble and very
obedient servant,

GABRIEL MAREST, S.J.

[Addressed: "To My Reverend Father, Father de Lamberville, of the Society of Jesus, at paris."]

MY REVEREND FATHER,

I have already done myself The honor of writing to Your Reverence from my village, with respect to the abandonment of the fort among the Scious, and to the arrival of Monsieur Jucherau, who is to establish a post at Vabache, whither he takes with him Father miermet. As it is stated that monsieur de Ponchartrain is very Desirous that this post be established,¹⁰ I rendered monsieur Jucherau all the services in my power; and I accompanied him for a distance of 30 Leagues from my village to see roensa in his winter quarters. I also took steps for endeavoring to assemble the ilinois at wabache; but there are many obstacles, and I think that we shall have considerable difficulty in gaining our end. As I know that Father Gouiz¹¹ has ready access to monsieur de ponchartrain, I have just written to him on The subject, in order that through his agency a grant may be given to our missions. Try to support my Letter, if you see that his intervention can be