Haudebourg (C.S.C.), (Rev.) M. M. V.,
(LeMans, France)

to (Father Edward) Sorin, (C.S.C.)
(Notre Dame, Indiana)

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Father Haudebourg had passage reserved at LeHavre, to leave with Father Baroux. A letter from Father Champeau arrived, saying that Father Sorin was disagreeable to Father Haudebourg visiting Notre Dame du Lac, to the terms of the trip. Since that time, the trip has been canceled. Certain documents requested from Father Sorin have not arrived yet; Father Haudebourg may have need of Father Sorin's Chronicles since the fire. The Chapter decided that no alms collector be sent out by any member of the Congregation without permission from the mother house; Father Haudebourg defended Father Sorin in opposing this proposal. Father Baroux would let Father Sorin know more on this question. Father Haudebourg does not understand why Father Sorin has embroiled himself so far in the Father Gousse affair -- the decree which established Father Gousse local superior at New Orleans indicated that Father Sorin would have full control over that establishment. Each particular house is not to benefit by its income; the mother house indicates how reserve funds are to be used. Father Haudebourg feels that his voyage to the mother house has been of little value; however, the mother house says they would not otherwise inspect the accounts of Notre Dame du Lac.

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