

Norbaux, 27th December, 1866

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Dear Sir,

We have sincerely to apologise for having allowed your letter of 12th October to remain so long unanswered though we have not lost sight of the matter to which it relates having been since the receipt of your letter in constant communication on the subject with M^r. Byasson Mayor of Laussets. From him we have learnt that the Monument which is so interesting to you is in a good state of repair. The fisherman has however declined receiving this year the gratuity we have been in the habit of allowing him. It appears that he disputes to the Parish of St Savin a certain extent of ground about his cabin which would include the spot on which the monument is erected.

A lawsuit is pendant & he is fearful that his accepting the gratuity as peasant might invalidate his claims. Should he gain his point it is possible that he may then claim an indemnity for the ground occupied by the Monument or force us to remove it from off his ground to a spot that we might obtain in the neighbourhood from the Parish.

We should be glad to be made acquainted with your wishes in case the alternative is placed before us.

The Mayor of Laussets has promised to keep us informed of what occurs & to protect your interests by every means in his power.

In order to insure the proper preservation of the Monument for after times we would suggest the plan of fixing for that purpose a small annuity in favor of the Parish of St Savin.

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