

Letter of Father Claude Dablon, Superior of the  
Missions of Canada and rector of Que-  
bec, to Reverend Father Pinette,  
Provincial of France.

QUEBEC, the 24th of October, 1674.

MY REVEREND FATHER,  
*Pax Christi.*

I address this letter to Your Reverence to give you general information of the state of all our Missions. From the little that I write, you will have the consolation of seeing that the name of Jesus Christ resounds throughout all our forests, and that he is adored—or, at least, is acknowledged—by all these tribes; for our Fathers labor among them with ineffable zeal, a courage worthy of apostles, and a holiness befitting the true children of saint Ignatius.

Your Reverence will permit me to refer, in a few words, to all parts of our America; and, after speaking of outside countries and of the most distant Missions, I shall speak of this country itself, and of the missions that are near us, for I find everywhere nothing but good to say and saints to admire.<sup>9</sup>

To begin at the North, Your Reverence knows that Father Charles Albanel started a year ago on a second voyage to the Northern sea, in order to minister to many Christians whom he baptized there, and to increase their number. He wintered on the road at a place over one hundred leagues from here, but