

remained two days at Montréal, and went to a place 500 leagues from here. We are greatly edified by his zeal and abnegation. He experienced some of the trials of a missionary's life while coming to Villemarie in the barks; for the winds were contrary all the time, and they made only fourteen leagues in fifteen days,—amid constant rain, and lodged *sub dio*,—the usual sign for lodgings in Canada. He gave me some news from the province, and left me with a keen desire to learn more. *He told me that Your Reverence was quite well; this has given me much pleasure, and so has the letter which you have done me the honor of writing to me.* I am here like a bird on a branch, ready to take flight at any moment. I was very nearly going to hudson's Bay, where the last chaplain was killed by a wretched frenchman who was in a transport of rage.²⁶ It was also intended that I should go up to Missilimakinac, to assume the direction of the Huron mission. Finally, I remained here, where we have a sort of college, which is not endowed; but I think that the Gentlemen of Villemarie will not have it long unless they endow it, because the revenues of our mission are very slight. I have pupils who are good fifth-class scholars; but I have others with beards on their chins, to whom I teach navigation, fortification, and other mathematical subjects. One of my pupils is pilot on the ship which sails to the north. Moreover, we hear confessions on sundays and holidays, and preach once a month in our church. Monseigneur has forbidden us to teach catechism or give the tournage²⁷—that is, to deliver short discourses on the [blank space in MS.], as is done in Quebec. Can he prevent our doing so, and also from holding