

Letter by Father Joseph Germain, regarding the  
Canadian Mission in the year 1711.

MY REVEREND FATHER,  
Pax Christi.

In the letter that our Father Did me the honor of writing to me on the 9th of May, 1711, he has inserted this clause: *unum est, quod accurate deinceps à Vestra Reverentia præstari cupio; scilicet, ut epistolā, sacræ Congregationi de propaganda Fide, aut ipsi sumo Pontifici inscriptā, promovendam a nostris Mittat quam tamen epistolam apertam ad me diriget; ut eam reddi curem, si ita expedire videbitur.*<sup>87</sup>

Although this clause is full of wisdom, and seems to me very important,—because there are many things to be related here which will not displease His Holiness,—I know not, nevertheless, whether I shall be able to comply with it this year. For, in the first place, the *Heros*—the only ship that has come here this year from France, and the only one that is to return there direct—will sail in two or 3 days. I know not whether I shall have time to write to the Pope or to the Congregation of the propaganda. In the second place, even if I had time, As I have never had the honor of writing to those high dignitaries, and have never seen anywhere the titles by which they should be addressed, or the style in which they should be written to,—which is doubtless quite different from that of the letters that we write to other persons,—it would be difficult for