

Letter by reverend father nau, missionary of
the society of jesus, written to Reverend
father Bonin, of the same society.

MY REVEREND FATHER,

The peace of our Lord Jesus christ.

I question much whether The Letter I had the honor of writing you last year gave you more pleasure than yours afforded me. Several ships had already arrived from france, and had brought letters to nearly all our missionaries, and not one brought a single word to my address, although my post is one of the nearest to Quebec. Imagine my joy When a letter was handed me from the one of all persons in the world whom I esteem most, and to whom I am most deeply indebted! The good opinion you entertain of me covers me with confusion and strengthens my endeavors to become all that you fondly suppose me to be already, and, in fact, that I should be. I feel the Need of being spurred on in the accomplishment of my duties. Although I am here surrounded by holy missionaries, and have continually before my eyes perfect models of virtue, I am still full of defects. This year, I am in a position to speak to you of Canada with more certainty than last year. The climate is salubrious, the quality of The soil excellent, but the natives are indolent. The winter is not so severe as we are told in france. We Never experience more than 3 or 4 days in succession of extreme cold. The