

Letter of Reverend Father de Glapion to
Monsieur Louis Germain [Langlois], *fil.*

THE greater part of the property, estates, and possessions which have been, or still are, held by the Jesuits living in Canada, whether in fief and seigniory or *en rôtture*, were given to them in full proprietorship by the King of France, the Duke de Vantadour, the Trading Company of Canada, and by generous individuals, for the maintenance of the said Jesuits, on the condition that they should be employed for the instruction of the Savages and of the young Canadian French. The Jesuits so well acquitted themselves of both these obligations that, in acknowledgment of their merits, Louis XIV., of glorious memory, renewed and ratified in their favor, by his great charter of [blank space in MS.] all those concessions and gifts which had been made to them. Some other pieces of property had been bought by the early Jesuits, with their own funds, and those purchases were approved by the charter aforesaid; but in October, 1789, the number of Jesuits living in Canada was reduced to four, all of them advanced in years. Consequently, they were no longer able to fulfill the stipulated obligations to instruct the Savages and the young Canadians. For this reason, they renounce, unconditionally, voluntarily, and in good faith, all ownership and possession of the said gifts and concessions granted to them up to this time, and yield and