

Letter of Monsieur Joseph O. Plessis to  
Monsieur ——— Marchand, Principal  
of the College at Montreal.

QUEBEC, March 13, 1791.

MONSIEUR MARCHAND:

Sir and good friend,

I wish you still to be my debtor, and hence I write you to-day, through either Madame Keller or Madame Vigé, for it is said that they both depart to-morrow.

Father Casot is desired at Montreal, and his presence might, perhaps, be necessary there. He is fully informed of the peculiar condition of his confrère; but he fears that he will not gain any more from him than do others, as to either the temporal or the spiritual. "What shall I undertake to do there?" he says. "I will dispose of nothing before his death, in order not to grieve him; and it is possible that it may be yet a long time before he dies. I shall not have leisure to wait for that event; my occupations here will urge me to return, and nothing will be done. If I knew that he were dead, I would go up there without delay; and I would not need more than two days to settle all his affairs." That is what Father Casot told me yesterday, for the second time. Nevertheless, he may go up. He had even fixed upon his departure for to-morrow, but he has changed his mind about that. For the rest,