

Our tonsured men—excepting Augustin Germain, who is sick in Town and who, it is said, intends to quit us—will receive minor orders next wednesday. There are no other orders. Abbé Parent discarded his cassock upon arriving here. I see him often in the Church, with a haggard and apparently suffering face. He seems to flatter himself that he will find grace, and he has almost been led to expect it; but I would give my opinion in the negative. Adieu. Silence regarding the particulars that I gave you in my previous letter about the plans of Father casot. Very affectionately,

PLESSIS.

[Marginal postscript: “Inform me of the impression which Monseigneur’s letter made upon Father Well.”²⁸]

[Addressed: “To Monsieur, Monsieur Marchand, Principal of the college at Montreal.”]

[Endorsed: “March 14.”]