

gether with a Petition they presented to me at the same time; I was rather displeas'd at some of the expressions they made use of in their Observations, but on close examination, found it was more owing to their not sufficiently understanding the force of their own words, than to any unwillingness to submit to proper Orders and Regulations, for which they seem at present to be perfectly dispos'd.

I am with much Respect and Esteem, Your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

GUY CARLETON.

*The Earl of Shelburne, One Of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, &c.*

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1768: LICENSE FOR ILLINOIS PRIEST

[Permit to Father Pierre Gibault, dated June 1, 1768. MS. in Chicago Historical Society.]

*By the Hon. Guy Carleton, Lieutenant Governor and commander in chief of the Province of Quebec, Brigadier General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in the Northern District.*

The commander in chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America having been pleas'd to approve of a Priest from this Province repairing to the Illinois for the comfort and satisfaction of the King's Roman Catholic subjects in those parts, who, it is hop'd, will entertain a due sense of the care (he) sheweth for their interests.

These are therefore to permit the Rev. Pierre Gibault<sup>14</sup> a

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<sup>14</sup> Pierre Gibault was christened at Montreal April 7, 1737, and entered the priesthood March 9, 1768. Destined for the Illinois, he was appointed vicar-general thereof, and reached Mackinac on his outward route in July of that year. There he ministered to the inhabitants, who had been without the sacraments since the retirement of Father du Jaunay. Gibault had been sent to the Tamarois mission in Cahokia, but finding that in a ruinous condition he was soon established as parish priest at Kaskaskia. Thence he travelled to all of the