

the Mission my kindest and best regards and accept the same yourself. I shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing you all on Red River early in June 1839. Meantime, I have the honor to be, my Lord,

Your Lordships most obed. and humb. servt,

Signed: Geo. SIMPSON.

Extract from the Governor and Committees Despatch addressed to the Chief Factors and Chief Traders of the Northern Department, dated London 7th March, 1838: Virt.

Par. t16h.—“The Bishop of Juliopolis has repeatedly expressed an earnest desire that we should afford a passage to the Columbia to one or two Priests, and facilitate the formation of a Catholic Mission under their direction in the banks of the Wilhamet River, which we declined complying with in consequence of the recommendation of the Governor and Council to that effect, but on further consideration of this subject, we have come to the determination of affording a passage to those Gentlemen, provided they give their assurance, that they will establish their Mission at any eligible place that may be pointed out for that purpose, by the Gentleman Superintending the Companys affairs at Fort Vancouver, near the head of the Cowlitz River, or on the Cowlitz Portage and not establish themselves on the Wilhamet or South side of the Columbia River; if they give such assurance they may be provided with a passage this year, and such facilities may be afforded for establishing the Mission as will not expose the Company to much expense or inconvenience; our object being to form a small Colony of our retired servants in that quarter. But should they not give such assurance it is to be understood that they are not to be allowed a passage, nor any facility whatsoever afforded for their crossing the mountains or forming a Mission on the West side of the Continent. And under any circumstance neither the Protestant nor Catholic Clergy of Red River are to be encouraged or assisted in extending their missionary labors beyond the precincts of the Settlement on the East side the mountains, without our special consent, as such extension of their labors would tend to attract large bodies of Indians to Red River Settlement, which in the present overpeopled state of the Colony in regard to Indians would be imprudent and impolitic, considering the smallness of the white population and the degree of protection they as yet have.”

Nécrologie

Le Rév. Frère André, décédé à La Trappe, à St-Norbert.
M. Zoël Marion, père de M. J.-A. Marion de notre ville, décédé à l'âge de 92 ans.