

child so taken, and gave me to see, that he did not say to the house of Jacob, seek you me in vain. Oh! that every reader would in every difficulty make him their refuge; he is an hopeful stay. To alleviate my sorrow, I received the following letter in answer to mine.

Mont Royal, May 12, 1706.

HONORED FATHER,

I received your letter which you sent by——, which good letter I thank you for, and for the good counsel which you gave me; I desire to be thankful for it, and hope it will be for the good of my soul. I may say as in Psalms, *The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell got hold on me: I found trouble and sorrow, then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul! Gracious is the Lord and righteous, yea our God is merciful.* As for what you ask me about making an abjuration of the Protestant faith for the Romish, I durst not write so plain as I would, but hope to see and discourse with you. I am sorry for the sin I have committed in changing religion, for which I am greatly to blame. You may know that Mr. Meriel the school master, and others, were continually at me about it; at last I gave over to it, for which I am very sorry. As for that letter you had from me,

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