

26 North St., Kingston, Jamaica.

March 14, 1881.

DEAR BRO. IN XT.:

I received your note and the circular you kindly forwarded to me by the last mail.

It is ten years or more since I became acquainted with the Brothers of your Institute. The community I knew was settled in Manchester, England. During the three years I lived there I was delighted with their religious spirit and the devotedness with which they applied themselves to the training and instruction of youth. Confident that the same spirit animates the Xaverian Brothers in the U. S., I cordially approve of your circular and beg God to bless you with an increase of fervent novices.

Nearly all the Catholics in Jamaica are colored. Would there be any hope of such persons gaining admission into your order, if not in America at least in Belgium? I am looking forward to the time when I shall be able to open an Industrial School for boys in Jamaica. It would lighten some of the difficulties if I could see a hope of forming a Creole community. I shall be much obliged to you if you can furnish me with any information on the point.

With kind regards and earnest prayers to God for your success,

I remain, Dear Brother,

Your obedient servant in J. C.,

† THOS. PORTER, *Priest S. J., Vic. Ap. of Jamaica.*

We approve of the above circular

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