



1878: The Fathers Toulotte, Roger, Labardin and Brother Laurent left Algiers to found the post of St. Anne of Jerusalem.

1882: Mother Marie Salomé is elected Superior General. The Sisters bore the official name of "Society of the Teaching and Hospitaller Sisters of Our Lady of Africa, of Algiers."

1882: Lavigerie, cardinal, preaches the annual retreat of the missionaries.

1883: Foundation of Kipalapala.

1884: Livinhac is consecrated bishop in the chapel of St Cyprian in Carthage by Lavigerie

1889: The Missionaries of Africa return to Uganda after a time in exile.

Letter to the Prefect of Propaganda (14th September 1877)

Eminentissime,

Indirectly, I have learned that the Patriarch Archbishop of Jerusalem has brought problems and objections of detail in the affair of Saint Anne's to the French Consul in this town. The Government has also written to me from Paris that it is greatly irritated by what it considers bad faith towards France on the part of Archbishop Bracco.

I do not know exactly what it is about, but I take the liberty of writing to your Eminence to point out to you the disadvantages of the Patriarch's attitude, if he has really spoken as is claimed. On the one hand, it is not possible to refuse the French Government access to serve a church that belongs to it and that has cost it so much after so many years of waiting. Neither is it possible to object to it being served by French clerics.

On the other hand, there has never been a community more in the hands of the Patriarch Archbishop of Jerusalem than the Missionaries of Algiers, because they are not exempt and they depend directly on Propaganda that will impose on them at Saint Anne's all the rules they deem appropriate. I believe the Patriarch Archbishop is therefore in error and is preparing problems for himself by entering into these matters of detail that irritate our Government. It seems it is claiming victimisation by others taking reprisals in matters of money.

On my side, the matter is very simple. Without worrying about the details, it is up to the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda to reserve to itself the matter of fixing the situation of the Missionaries of Algiers at Jerusalem. They will never do other than what Your Eminence would wish and how you would wish it.

