



Letter to Father Charmetant on his return from Zanzibar (28th July 1878)

My dear Child,

For some days yet, I am still at Paris, where I received your telegram, which you sent on the 26th from Suez. You inform me that you have fever, hepatitis and rheumatoid arthritis all at once. I am sorry to hear this, for I hoped the Good Lord would bring you back in good health after your rough but so useful tasks.

As for what you need to do on arrival at Marseilles, this depends on your condition. If you feel well enough to return to Algiers without too much fatigue, this seems best to me. As for me, I intend to disembark on the 10th of August. If you are still unwell, you will need to go to the house of the Brothers of Saint John of God, where there are fee-paying rooms. You will not receive better treatment anywhere else.

I have asked Father Payan d'Augery to watch for your arrival. As is his habit, he will have arranged everything in advance with the good Brothers, in case you need their hospitality. I myself shall arrive at Marseilles a few days after you. See you soon, then, my dear child. Take heart! Our Lord, his Holy Mother and the Guardian Angels of Africa will not abandon you after all you have done for them.

Letter to the Propaganda concerning Lavigerie's new auxiliary bishop for Tunis (28th July 1884)

Your Eminence, My Lord,

For special reasons, His Holiness has deigned to appoint, with episcopal powers, as my auxiliary in Tunisia Reverend Father Antonio Maria Buhadgiar, a professed religious of the order of Capuchins, currently parish priest of Sfax in Tunisia. He is Maltese by birth and was born on 19th November 1846. I should be grateful to Your Eminence if you would kindly take His Holiness's orders for the sending of the notice of appointment. It is the title of Bishop of Ruspe that I have asked the Holy Father to grant Mgr Buhadgiar. Since, for special reasons, the ordination must take place without delay, I would also ask that I be dispensed of the need for the assistance of two bishops for the ordination ceremony, because of the impossibility that the quarantine imposed in Tunisia following the cholera outbreak places on the arrival of the two other prelates in this country. I should be very grateful to Your Eminence if you would kindly give orders so that the dispatch of the necessary documents suffers no delays. Please accept, Your Eminence, this expression of my respectful and devoted good wishes. Humbly kissing your hands, I remain Your Eminence's most obedient and loyal servant.

