

Joseph Henrg Marie de Premar was born in Cherbourg in northwestern France on July 17, 1666. This was a town and seaport on the northern tip of Cotentin peninsula in Normandy. In 1683, he joined the Society of Jesus of the French diocese at the age of 18.

After joining the Christian Church, he was fully devoted to the study of theology and performed well. In 1698, he was sent to China as a missionary to disseminate Christianity. After his arrival in China, he was profoundly immersed in the Chinese culture and had never left China ever since, till his death in 1736. Furthermore, he also got a Chinese name—Ma Yuese.

Why did Ma Yuese write that letter? Why did he make

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The European ship in the 13th century.

