

Drogheda

4 January 1865

My dear Sir

I regret much that it is not in my power to entertain the project you have submitted to me in your esteemed note of the 2^d Inst. I have no doubt that the Clergy of the diocese would be quite unwilling also to entertain the matter in present circumstances. The truth is, the work which that great

and good Orate & Crotty
bequeathed to us in the
cathedral that he commenced
at Armagh, has, I may say,
overpowered us. Having teased
the Clergy so frequently
for contributions to this
work, I am unwilling to
call their attention to other
matters connected with
the diocese & entailing
expense, unless where
I cannot avoid it.

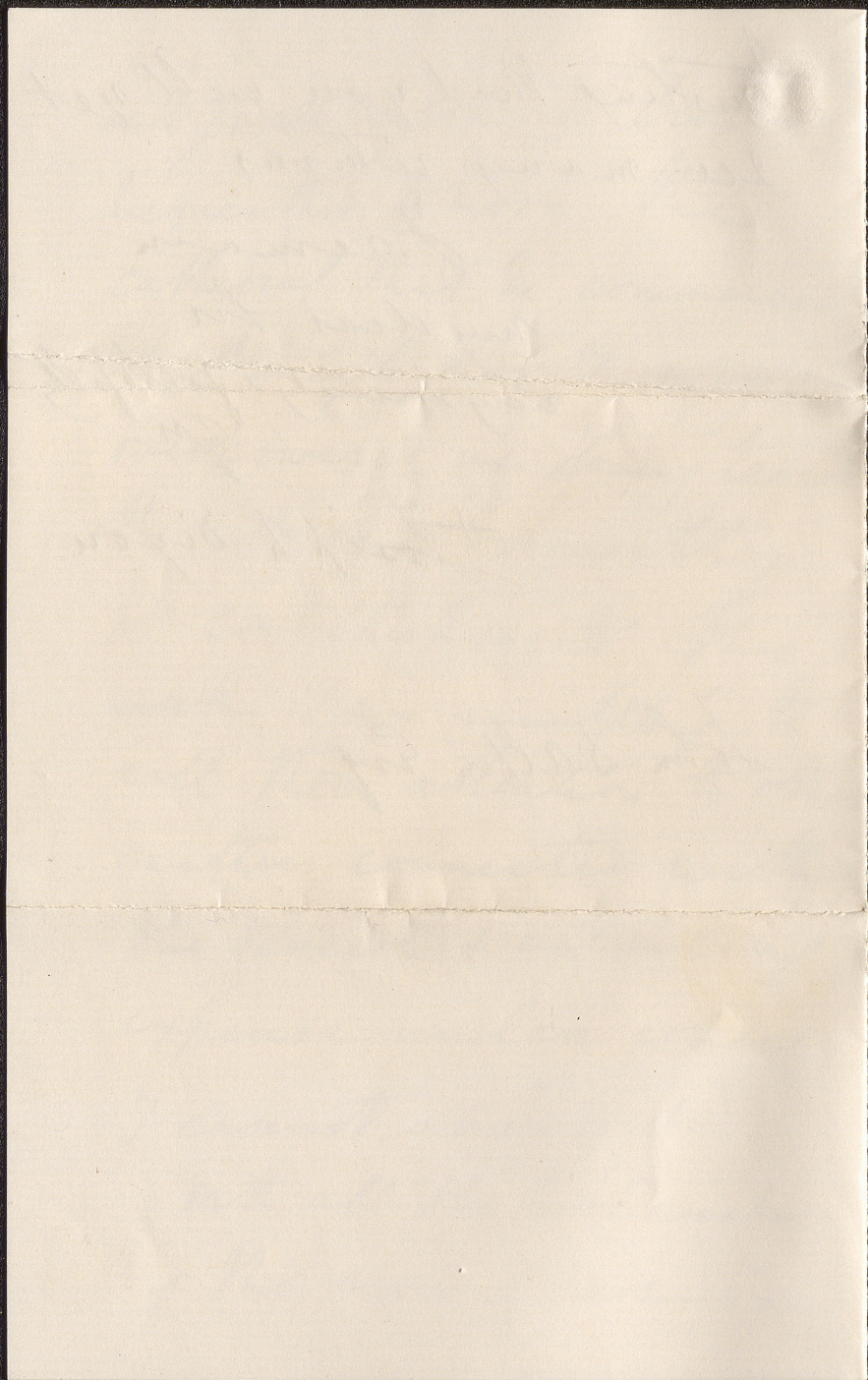
With all the best wishes
of the new year, and

Trusting that you will yet
see many returns,

I remain
my dear Sir
very sincerely & faithfully
Y^{rs}

Joseph Dixon

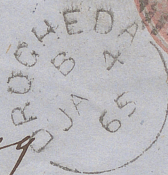
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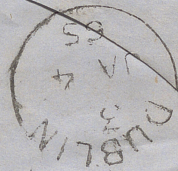


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Belfast May 10th 1838

My dear Sir

My absence from town will I trust enable me to offer a satisfactory apology for the delay of my answer to your last kind letter. I am extremely happy to find that you are willing to publish a History of the County and City of Antrim, similar to the interesting works, which you have written on the County and City of Dublin, and at the same price. I have not yet been able to distribute your Valuable Books among my Clergy, and of course I have not ascertained their sentiments on the merits of your works. I do not hesitate, however

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to assure you that my Clergy will join me
in taking 200 Copies and in lodging
the money in Bank conformably to your
proposal. Of course I can say nothing of
the other Treaties until I shall have the
pleasure of seeing them. The Right Rev
D^r Dennis has promised me to join cordially
in giving every encouragement to your
laudable undertaking. I have the
honour to remain with the highest esteem
(and respect) Dear Sir

Yours obedient Serv^t
+ W Grally

John D. Alton Esq^r