

Archdeacon Kelly
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I received your letter of
the 13th some days ago
but was unable to reply
to it at the time, having
among other pressing engage-
ments undertaken to furnish
an Article for the ensuing
number of the Irish Ecclesi-
astical Journal, on a part
of our Ecclesiastical History.

When I allude to history
my time upon such are

undertaking, I should gladly
avail myself of your offer
of materials for a history
of the Priests of Meath.
But it is quite out of my
power to engage in it.

My time leaves me little
time for such pleasures,
and what time I can
command for study will
be fully occupied for some
years to come in projects
which I have already laid
out. The history of this

diocese would certainly be
very interesting to me, but the
subjects which I have chosen
are of greater practical im-
portance.

Your "Honest Criticism" of your
own work entitles you to
the respect of every honest
man. Few people write so
much without having reason
of afterwards writing to recall
something - but few can a-
bove, it, because most people
are so seldom right, that
they never can afford to

admit that they have been
wrong. I think your works
very valuable. of course I differ
from you in some matters
of opinion: but in respect of
statements of matters of fact,
I have not found anything
to which I am disposed to ob-
ject. I have constantly spoken
of your history of the Arch-
bishops of Dublin as being his-
torically fair & candid. I shall
feel particular pleasure in so
speaking of it in future.

For the sincere respect for your
literary labors I remain Sir
your obt. servt. Edw. A. Stopford

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