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taking place Congress is spending
its time in Emancipation Resolu-
tions and motions - playing the
part of the imperial fiddler while
his city was in flames.

They have not interfered
with any Corporation advertising
although the Herald is making
desperate efforts to secure it
exclusively. The paper is getting
on tolerably well, although there
is a great falling off in the busi-
ness advertising for which that
from the Corporation is barely suffi-
cient to make up. However,
it is well in these times to be
able to keep one's head above
water. When the war is over
the Record I have no doubt
will go on flourishing. I expect to
get the Sheriffs advertising from
Mr. Lynch who has been elected.
With sincere regards to Father
we being, not forgetting John & Mary
Your loving old son
J Mullaly



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Most Rev dear Sir,

You will see by one
of the late numbers of the Record
serial of which I send by this
mail that we are in the
midst of the greatest excitement
in consequence of the late
news from England. The general
impression is that a war is
inevitable in consequence of
the seizure of Maria F. Stidell
on board the Trent, although
the Government is evidently doing
all it can through telegraphic
dispatches and those papers
which are regarded as ad-
ministration organs to create
the contrary impression. What-
ever may be the result



There is a strong determination to maintain the dignity and honor of the nation at every hazard. I need hardly say how eagerly the prospect of a war with England is welcomed by our own people, but I cannot help thinking in our present unprepared state it would at the outset prove very disastrous.

McClellan has not begun to move yet and there is a great deal of grumbling about the cause he is pursuing. It is said that he is really outnumbered by the Southerners and that he will not move until he has a much larger force. Thus far the advantage which it is said we obtained by the capture of Beauport has not been made very apparent and the Republican press is

finding fault that nothing more has been accomplished. In addition to all this a new complication has arisen from the course which General Phelps has pursued on Ship Island in issuing a red hot Abolition proclamation, which is also calculated to rouse the indignation of every Catholic in the country. Let it not escape your Grace's attention in the papers I send it to you in this note. It is a bad document and if its author is not summarily dealt with by the Government it will do a great deal of harm. Such conduct on the part of our General, will inevitably bring division in the north if the Government do not act promptly.

While these things are

