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Most Rev. Dear Sir,

Your esteemed and most welcome favor of the 24th January has been received, and I need hardly say that its contents were read with the greatest interest. It is exceedingly gratifying to hear of the reputation which the Record has obtained in France — a result which I feel is attributable to the active interest which Your Grace has always manifested in the paper. We have heard in the columns of the New York Tribune and other papers the news of the dis-

cussion produced by your
article in the Church
Press. Of course it is not
favorable to the Review
Brownson's articles, in fact
the Tribune appears to have
taken Brownson under its
special patronage and re-
presents him as the mouth
piece of the Catholic Church
in the United States
and the exponent of its
views upon all political
questions, but particularly on
the subject of Slavery
As for that gentleman him-
self your Grace will
perceive by the copy of
the Review which I sent
you that very little more
will be heard from altogether
out of the Church. I heard
that he complained bitterly

of the article in the Number of the Record sent Your Grace a few weeks ago and Even went so far as to threaten a libel suit, but I presume he has thought better of it, for I have heard nothing of him or his threat since.

Dr Cahill delivers his lecture for the Sisters of Mercy next Sunday the 16th in the Cooper Institute and it promises to be one of the most successful he has ever given in this City. I have called attention to the fact in an article descriptive of the Institution which you will see in the papers that accompany this.

I send you the history of a matter in which Dr Doe

of the Herald figures as the principal character. He has been arrested in Washington for intruding upon the business secrecy of the War Department and threatening the vengeance of the Herald upon Mr. Stanton in case he was not furnished with some news. From the extracts which I enclose Your Grace will get at the gist of the affair. He is an unfortunate fellow, and sometimes think that there is a streak of craziness in his character.

We have not received any news, not even a rumour of the death of Lord Palmerston and the dates are up to the 27th Inst., three days later than the date of Your Graces letter, so I think it must be an unfounded rumour

There is a feeling of uneasiness here in regard to the policy of Napoleon, which is pursued is secretly inimical to the United States, although it is reported that the administration has received advices from reliable authority (I have taken the liberty of concluding that it is Your Grace who is the authority in this instance) that there will be no interference on the part of France. The moderated tone of the English Press is regarded as a more favorable indication, but still it cannot be denied that the public mind of the North is uneasy and this uneasiness shows itself particularly in the impatience, - the grumbling impatience - which it exhibits

in regard to the movements of the army, although it must be acknowledged that, with the capture of that portion stationed on the Potomac, it is doing well. Your Grace has doubtless heard of the capture of Fort Henry, and as I write the news boys are crying at under my window the Extras containing the still more important news of the total defeat of the Confederates, on Roanoke Island with great loss. This will prove most disheartening to the South, and three or four more such victories may put the old Union in a stronger position than it ever before occupied. Should the President would issue one good Conservative proclama

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tion to the Southern people, it would be worth a dozen victories.

Mr. Seward is showing himself to be not only a great Statesman, but a man of high toned principle, and of the most refined and delicate sensibilities. He ought to be a Catholic and I trust he will be. His letter to Bp Smith O'Brien, and that also in regard to the reception of Americans at the French Court ~~&~~ expresses the feelings of a gentleman — one who has a true appreciation of the duties of citizenship in this hour of the Country's peril. My re-

tem and respect – which cannot effect him one way or the other in the high position he occupies & except as it tends to swell the general estimation in which he is held – is freely given and I hope I may have my best wishes in his behalf realized that he shall become a Catholic. In the coming Number of the Record I will pay him a tribute that I think will be gratifying to him as another added to the many proofs he has received of the high appreciation entertained of his conduct in his present trying and most difficult position.

I wish your Grace was home, and trust that having done so much to

prevent the war from being perverted in its aims and end that you will be enabled to render still more efficient service in your own way in restoring the Union, not alone in its geographical and political relations, but in reestablishing those fraternal feelings without which the Union will be merely a name.

I am not certain whether I mentioned my surmise that General Scott's letter was your Grace's production. In fact I published it because I believed you were the author and I have great pleasure in my own perception.

By the present mail I shall write to the Editor of

Le Monde ~~and~~ as I should be much pleased to exchange with him.

Begging to be again remembered to Father McHenry and John, and sincerely wishing Your Grace a safe return to a people whose love and respect for you has undergone no change during your absence

I remain

Yrs. Very truly and Respectfully

John Mullaly

Most Rev. John Hughes DD.
Archbishop of New York

P.S. Your Grace will excuse my adding that the Editor of the Montreal True Witness has never attempted even a reply to my article. He was most effectually silenced. The Clergy were much pleased with it.