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Most Rev. dear Sir,

I see by one of my late letters of the 2nd instant, by which I
shall that one am in the midst of the greatest excitement in consequence of the last event in
New York England. The general impression is that a war is inevitable in consequence of the
sudden of the recent engagement.

I am also learning that Mr. Sillers on board the Trent, although
the Government is endeavoring all it can through telegraph
dispatches and those papers which are regarded as ad
ministration organs to create the contrary impression, what
ever may be the result.

Yours very truly,
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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 war with England is welcomed by our own people, but I cannot help thinking in our present unprepared state it could at the very thought move us all. The colonists have 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 ably outnumbered by the Southerners, and that he will not move until he has a much larger force. Thus far the advantage which is said we obtained by the capture of Beaufort has not been made very apparent, and the Republican press is finding fault that nothing has been accomplished. I add, in return to see that a new Crespiotion has arrived from the course which General Phelps has pursued in Shark Island, in issuing a new Abolition proclamation, which is also calculated to raise the indignation of our Catholic in the Country. Let it suffice to take your grace's attention in the papers abroad it to you in this note. It is a bad document and of its author is not sufficiently dealt with by the Government. It will do great deal of harm. Such conduct on the part of our Generals will incite the division in the North of the Government does not promptly. While these things are