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Most Hon. Dear Sir,

Your esteemed and most welcome favor of the 21st January has been received, and I need hardly say that its contents were read with the greatest interest. It is exceedingly flattering to hear of the interest which the receiv'd has obtained in France— a result which I feel is attributable to the active interest which Your Grace has always manifested in the papers I have heard in the columns of the New York Tribune and other papers, the reecho of the do.
your article in the French Press. Of course, it is not favorable to the views of Proudhon, but the Tribune appears to have taken Proudhon under its special patronage and preserves as the mouthpiece 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 there, your Grace will perceive by the copy of the Review which I sent you that very little sense will be put into all the out of the Church. I hear that he complained bitterly
of the article in the New York Times. A few weeks ago, and even went so far as to threaten a libel suit that I presume, he has thought better of it, for I have heard nothing of him or his threat since.

Dr. Cabot delivered his lecture for the Sisters of Mercy next Sunday the 16th in the Cooper Institute and it proved 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 Institute which you will see in the papers that accompany this.

I asked you the Sunday before Easter about your matters in which Dr. As
of the Herald figure as the most culpable character. He has been arrested in Washington for in
truding upon the business, the business 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 field. Whether I have closed Your Grace well set at the gist of the affair. He is an unfortunate fellow, and some time, through that there is a streak of crookedness 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 June, three days later than the date of Your Grace's 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 it is feared is destined insensibly to the United States, although it is reported that the Administration has caused advice 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 counter-pressure on the part of France. The moderation tone of the English Press is regarded as a true favorable indication, but still it cannot be denied that the public mind of the North is uneasy, and the uneasiness shows itself particularly in the impatience, the grumbling unrest - which it sh 공
in regard to the movements of the army, although it must be acknowledged that, with the exception of that portion stationed on the Potomac, it is doing well. Your Grace has doubtless heard of the capture of Fort Henry, and as quite the news boys are crying out under my window the extras containing the still more important news of the total defeat of the Confederates on Knob-suck 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. Such the President would cause one good Conservation Proclamation
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true to the Southern people. To
would be worse adored were

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
of to Smith O'Brien, and
that also in regard to the
deception 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 es-

steam 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 Harry done so much to....
prevent the war from being prevented 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
federal feelings without
which the Union will be
merely a name.

I am not certain
whether I mentioned my
purposes that General
Scott's letter was Your
Grace's production. In fact
I published it because I
believed everyone the
author and I have great
faith in my own perception.

By the present mail
I shall write to the Editor of
Le Monde and as I shall be
much pleased to exchange with
him.

Begging to be again re-
membered to Father O'Brien and Abu, and
sincerely wishing Your Grace
a safe return to a people
whose love and respect for you
has undergone no change
during Your absence.

Yours truly and
Respectfully

John Mullally.

Most Rev. John Hughes, D.D.
Archbishop of New York.

P.S. Your Grace will please note
adding
that the Archbishop, Very Reverend, has been
attended even a reply to any article.
The clergy were much pleased with it.