Office of Most Reverend
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To Most Reverend
John Hughes, D.D.
Archbishop of
New York.

Believing that the proposed
plan of emancipation, as announ-
ced in His late Proclamation, by
the President of the United States,
to be a measure fraught with
evil, I only call to mind of the most
direful Character, as such, to be deprecated by all right-

minded, loyal, Christian men.
I believing it to be highly im-
portant that His Excellency
the President should be ad-
vised of the sentiment with-
By speaking at the Odeon, I meant to bring up the subject of the 14th century, and the unification of the Italian states, which has been over-looked in other books. I have not succeeded in this respect, as you may see in the notes. The 14th century was a period of great change in Italy, and I believe that this subject is of great interest to students of history.