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My Dear Arch Bishop,

Considerations which seemed to me sufficient induced me early in June to engage in a lawsuit at Detroit which with some few interruptions has detained me there during nearly the whole summer. On the day of the dinner given to you by the Catholics of New York, but after the appointed hour, the invitation of the Committee reached me, it having been detained here in expectation of my immediate return from the West.

Inasmuch as my reply would then have seemed awkward, I concluded to delay it until the reports of the festival should have passed. I did not fear that you would misconstrue the silence of one who having been an early friend when friends were few presumed that it was necessary to be zealous when friends had multiplied. I have availed myself of a respite from my engagement at Detroit, to address the Committee, and I beg your pardon to accept my congratulations upon your return to your people and your country with the assurance that whatever may befall you or me I am and shall always be amongst those who honor you most and love you best.

Very faithfully yours

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