

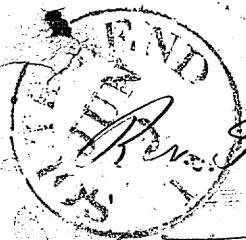
Rev & dear Sir

Permit me to trouble your Reverence with a request which no body else but yourself could comply with, effectually. The letter I herein return for your perusal, is so crying an abuse of justice & charity towards a Community particularly devoted to the needy, that I could scarcely have suspected an Irishman able to commit it. Mr. Clarke, whom you know likely, was certainly indebted to this Institution, last fall, when we settled together, for $\$150$. as himself acknowledged by a note of the same amount, payable on the proceeds of the sale of his farm in Cortage. Why then did he not mention a single word of the ridiculous items, he now charges me with, because he knew that they were false. he was a Postulant for the Brothers when he worked at his trade & of course entitled to no remuneration. his Keeping a small store for the pupils as his functions of Sorristain, were from in every ones opinion, having therewith a room for himself & some other priviledges, without nearly any trouble. The best proof he knew his indebtedness, is that, some time since, he had deeded the said farm to late Rev. Whelan, to be sold in payment of his tuition here & now, after three years of continual expenses to provide him with books & other. He besides board & tuition, on which he paid in all $\$50$ in goods, he writes to me the present letter. I hope, Rev. Sir you will have some influence over his poor mind; for my part, I do not hesitate in saying, that he is utterly unfit for the Sacraments of our Holy Church, until he does the Institution justice, for he is fully conscious of his unfair & iniquitous dealing. Pray, Rev. Sir

to inform you of what you will do, as I trust, you will not
disregard my humble demand. The Master of Novices, Rev. Father
Ranger says that it is a perfect abuse of confidence. Should it
be necessary, I might have this signed by all the Professors
& even Pupils here

In great haste, but respectfully & very
sincerely yours in J. C.

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