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Very Rev. Father and
Dear Friends

Long before the reception of your
favor of the 26th Inst, I have
examined both sides of the primitive
question. As soon as I heard of
the distressing position of Archbishop
Dwight, I wrote to him and expressed
my full sympathy in his bad misfortune.
Rumor was speaking then of
\$150,000 - and of \$200,000 - at the
utmost limits of indebtedness. But
it amounts now to \$400,000, and
the knowing ones say publicly that
it will reach the enormous sum of
\$600,000 -

How can such a want of skill be
accounted for otherwise ^{than} by their
criminal neglect of duty, and sacred
duty, of Archbishop Purcell, and the
more than wonderfully criminal
carelessness of his Brother Edward
Purcell. Let them, in the first place,
meet with a "candid" punishment,
and then it will be time to examine
the second question.

As long as they will not
acknowledge their culpability in
their management of Archbishops property,
and as long as a proportional
punishment will not be inflicted
on their guilty heads, it is useless
to appeal to my sympathy.

I do not say that a great effort
should not be made for the
confiding and honest creditors,
and when the wheel will be set
in motion, I will do what I can.
Ded quid hori inter tantos?

Did I ever complain of non-sentimental
letters coming from you? My memory
which is good yet, in spite of my 70 years,
is a corte blanche, on the subject,
you had better, My Dear and V. Res.
Friend to try my patience in writing
more frequently than you ^{have} ever done,
and you will find out that far
from complaining, you will always
find me firmly posted on the side
of gratitude.

When will you pay us a visit,
one at least of the so many you
owe us. Be wiser than the
dignitaries of Constantinople, and do
not place yourself in the culpable
impossibility of paying your just debts
and of satisfying your creditors.

Yours most devotedly your own

J. Davis.