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Rw^d dear Sir

Yours of the 7th of Jan^r has come to hand. In reply, I have to state that I think an establishment for the reception of male orphan children in, or near, N.Y. would be supported by the demand for such an institution - that is that supposing such an establishment, combining the supervision of devoted religious men, and education with industry (the benefits of latter for the institution) as many orphan, or half orphan boys, as would fill it, no matter how large, would be placed in it, at an average payment for each of 75. or 80 dollars a year - the child run to of the age of from 8 to 10. years. My idea would be to place in it, the orphan boys of the asylums of that age and to pay for them; if the number should be large, a smaller sum than that mentioned. But with, or without them, such an establishment is much wanted; and if your Society could un-

undertake it, and would carry it
on in the right spirit; it would
do an immensity of good. It is wanted
independently of the Orphan Asylum.
I have attempted to organise it through
the Christian Brothers of Baltimore
but I found they could not understand
me. They wished to have a security
for the establishment - which I
have not for my own subsistence.

I have not the slightest idea
that it would or could fail. But
this I could not guarantee.

If you should think it worth
while to come on, and without your
doing so, I would not wish you
to think of it, I will defray
half the expenses of your journey.
It is an important matter

with me, and until I see the chance that will present proper persons who shall appreciate its importance as I do, I shall not move in it.

There is also a house & place lately relinquished by the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, in which every thing is arranged for such an establishment; and it can be purchased for less than one third of what it has cost. But details by writing would be useless.

— I am much obliged to you for your kindness in regard to the groups of the 7. Dollars mentioned; — but I have not had time, either to visit or enquire about them.

These, Rev^d dear Sir, are all that

the views that I can present
to you on the matter. Father
Thebaud^d mentioned to me that
if he understood my plan rightly,
your Community was the one, within
whose scope and purpose it came.
On this, as he was about to write,
I begged him to mention it to
you.

But if it should be so, you
should first be on the spot to
see & know and judge for your
self & your Community.

I remain Rev^d dear Sir

Your obed^t serv^t in J. C.

John Bishop of N. Y.

Very Rev^d E. Savaris.