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My Rev Dear Friends! 5994

I have had the documents by me for some days under a feeling of embarrassment, resulting from my partial intervention in the affair heretofore. I have supposed that the case was not exceedingly urgent, and therefore proposed to wait till I could consult some discreet & disinterested person on the whole matter. — But as you say that Monsi^gneur de Cincinati may properly call the whole matter to his tribunal, or at least

that he intimates a wish
to know more of it, - I
may therefore, whereas I in-
tend to go thither next week
for a celebration, 2^d February,
take advice of the App, or
of Dr Rosecrans if I can
engage his attention, and
then, say what I may be
bound to say in the premises,
- Your cause suffers under
the ~~dis~~ advantage of my having
heard Messrs. de Cleveland
and his two proctors, and
I have only your written
statement. Did you not

know at the time that Father
Sidley was despatched to you
with full powers to conclude
the whole matter?

You will by this time, have
read Brownson vs. Abp. Hughes.
The article is terribly severe,
but my own regret is that it
was terribly well deserved.
I could not be persuaded that the
Abp. wrote the article in the Record,
but if he did, it affords about the
first evidence I have seen
of what some of his clergy charge
him with, namely, that he is
becoming senile. The editor
of his organ ought to have
protected his good name

by claiming for the editor what
he has been proud to ascribe to
the Abp. to the prejudice of Religion
and good morals.

I am glad to see that your
feruent priests and good
 Sisters are giving so much
edification, and effecting so
much good, for the souls
of our brave soldiers. - For
them, death in the cause of
the Country, proves truly an
entrance into life. -

I send you the good wishes
of the New year & ad multos
and also to all our good friends
with you. Faithfully yours in
Christ
+ D. M. Ep. Sincensis
Very Rev. F. Sorin