

Dues - 27th May

Louisville - May 21 - 1848

Father Dear

Rev. Dear Sir; I write to inform you that Rev. M. Sannier is unwilling to cooperate with Rev. M. Guepe or any one else whom you may send; & he says he is determined to leave St. Mary's, & probably Ky, as August. He has the ambition to found an establishment of which he may be sole superior, & you know how much he is incapable of this. I fear this will break up the provisional arrangement of which we were speaking when you were here.

Meantime some arrangement must be made immediately for St. Mary's College. In our conversation I think I explained to you pretty fully my views in reference to that institution. Should you think that your order can still take the institution in accordance with those views, & should you believe that you are authorized & able to take it at once, at least provisionally for one year, you will have the goodness to inform me of the

same without delay. I will do nothing definitive till I hear from you, should it be within a reasonable time.

Two clergymen, one for president & another for manager, could carry it on, with the teachers they could engage ~~there~~ in the College.

I will also inform you, that an arrangement having been entered into between the Bishop & Rev. M. Delaune by which the latter receives all the profits & pays all the debts of the Institution for the last two years, any claim you or your order ~~may~~ have on the College must be settled with M. Delaune; - the Bishop having nothing to do with it whatever.

Whoever takes the institution will also take the furniture, crop &c which Mr Delaune purchased for about \$2000 - the unpaid debt on which is still about \$1600. The property is worth more than this in cash, as I have lately had it valued by disinterested persons. This debt must be assumed with the property.

A wide field of usefulness is opened
to any religious body in Kentucky.

Hoping for an early answer,
I remain yours truly in our Lord

M. J. Spalding

Rev. E. Loring

[Bishop Martin John Spalding of Louisville]



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