

Diocese
of
Newark.

Newark, March 18/67

Very Rev^d, Dear Sir,

I would be very well pleased to do the work you ask of me, not only out of love for our blessed Mother, but from veneration of the holy Greek Bishop of Venice, if it were in my power.

My Physician however has advised me to give up all work, and go away from home on account of a disease of the eye, which has been coming on for some time - and I am to leave for Europe next Wednesday.

The good Bishops^{of} Venice are

under a wrong impression of
they think that I have taken
possession of the papers of the late
Bishop of Meath &c. I merely
took some notes on the French Revolu-
-tion which I found amongst
them, and which I rewrote and
published some years ago. Mr.
de Courcy also took Bishop Butler's
correspondence with the brothers De
Lamencais (with the permission
I presume of Bp. Hughes) and
published them in France.

You probably have heard that
Bp. De la Motteaudiere when he
went to Europe gave Bp. Butler's
papers to Archbishop (then Bishop)
Hughes, and the great mass of

They are still in the possession
of the Archbishop of New-York.
I have no doubt that he would
cheerfully return them, if asked to
do so - I also would deem such
books belonging to him as are in
my possession - They are rich more
of as much importance as has been
generally supposed - I think some
one had picked out what was valuable
before they were sent to New-York.
For instance I could find almost
nothing amongst them relating to
my aunt W.^m Weston, altho' they had
been so intimate for so many years.

I remain
With sincere regard
Very truly yr friend, Sir
+ J. B. of Newark

J. Rev Mr. Smith
Sup^r John Dancy
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