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Archiepiscopal Residence,

THIRD STREET,

Portland, Oregon, 24th of March 1884

Very Rev. E. Lorin C.S.C.
Superior General
University of Notre Dame, Indiana

Very Rev. Dear Sir!

In answer to your note of the 28th ultimo, I see that you are willing to open to your Rev. Fathers and Brothers the vast regions of Oregon. we would be well pleased to welcome you here. But please, what have we to do or to prepare to receive you? will you inform us about that matter. Portland is a flourishing young town and promises a good deal, but property is very high and our means are limited, or rather we have none. However we have a college at present, conducted by a Rev. Father, but I do not know whether that would suit you, to begin with. Please give us your views about these matters and I hope we will succeed in coming to an understanding. we are willing to help you as much as we can.

Expecting an early reply, I beg to remain
yours respectfully

J. F. Tierens, Esq.