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### Letter to C. P. McIlvaine

William Seward

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From Wm. H. Seward, Sec. of State 1861-1869 to Bishop C. P. McIlvaine

Washington, August 21, 1862

My dear Sir,

All my correspondents agree that the opinion of Europe is adverse to us and its sentiments unfriendly. So the newspaper writers have apparent ground for the alarm they are sounding. On the other hand all that I hear from the Governments of Europe goes to confirm the belief that they have found relief from the outside \_\_\_\_\_, have counted the cost of intervention a \_\_\_\_\_, weighing its \_\_\_\_\_ advantages against its \_\_\_\_\_ and hazards and that they have no idea of any such thing just now and even less than at any \_\_\_\_\_ time.

Success in the field will buy back opinion and \_\_\_\_\_ to our side, until then, of course, the thing will be hopeless any way.

We are just now seemingly at the turning point in military matters.

It is by no means certain that Mr. Weed will return to Europe just now.

With my thanks for your good wishes and effective respects to your daughters.

I am faithfully

Your friend

William H. Seward

The Right Reverend  
C. P. McIlvaine  
Bishop of Ohio  
Cincinnati

NOTES: A most difficult letter to read. Several words are guessed at.

Koert D. Burnham