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Letter to Bishop Bedell

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Cross and altar of
Grace Ch. Cleveland.

Bp: McIlvaine
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London May 22, 1862

My dear Bishop-

On getting to Cologne
last Monday the 19th I received
your welcome letter from Cleveland
I had previously written you that
I had concluded to sail in the
first week of July. Notwithstanding
the kind expressions of your letter
about my staying longer & not
returning during the heat of
summer, I have since concluded
to take the packet of the American
line - the Albatross from Liverpool
of June 4th - in order that I

may attend the Commencement
& Convention - That if the following
week would make it difficult
to get there in time - My daughter
& I will stop on our way to
Cincinnati - going out by Pitts-
burgh -

Expecting to see you or soon
after this will reach you -
I need not write about any
matters in your letter - except
that concerning Grace Ch.
Cleveland - I am very much
gladified with Mr Easters spirit
I will be quite ready to meet
it, - as a matter one - or for

As I understand your account
of what is proposed to do with
the Corp. I make no objection
to it - though my private opinion
is against such things - But
~~now~~ had it been in such
a place originally, I should
have made no objection - I am
not or sure that I understand
what is proposed as to the title -
I should much prefer that all
the parcels be given, but if ~~as~~
it be desired to have one enclosed
or that it may have the
letters I.R.D. I hope it will
be but one -
~~the~~ We shall rejoice to get home

again - Great as have been
the attentions & kindness to us
here, England never seemed
less attractive to me, as during
these months from beloved
County -

I had written the above before re-
ceiving your letter by the Penna. which
brought a second from Will. on the
subject of our time of departure - written
after she had heard your news & indica-
ting cheerful concurrence - I am exceed-
ingly obliged to you for your kind con-
sideration of my health - But my daughters
entirely agree with me that we had better
start as mentioned above - The great consid-
eration is the Convention - I could not find
it in my heart to stay till Sept. if my funds
would not allow me - To stay as we had
intended till 1st of July would be no gain
as to last winter - I would have lost
the Convention - My friends here are all there.

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themselves - & their kind request & urgency
 that I will spend time with them, com-
 pels me to do so. But I feel a call to
 go home. My conscience will be better
 satisfied. The Bp. of Norwich is expecting me
 to proceed at his ordination in June, but
 I cannot disappoint him or the church.
 I will go by the Peterborough - &
 I shall try to get the 1st of the letters to
 him at once - or else it will
 go in the usual way. I have seen
 nothing in him but what I liked
 & we have had a great deal of
 pleasant intercourse. His views are
 moderate & very sound. The people
 of the County - his good sense - large
 acquaintance with our affairs & his
 plain, unpretending & yet dignified
 manner - great diligence & his constant
 benevolence have enabled him to be very useful
 here. He has been read much of
 the highest order of my friends.

of course I need not now write about
the changing point of view
your my M.C. Phil -
read -

to & confided in - we have worked
in perfect harmony - But for weeks
cannot make a speech - & now I had
to do it for him -
I expect to reach N.Y. about the 15th
the Alton is a fast ship - I shall spend
a day or two there - one in Phil - take
Washington of course on my way - &
expect to reach Cambridge for the
Commencement - I will thank y -
to have a letter awaiting me. Care
of B. R. McNamee, N.Y. - saying
what day the Commencement is - as
I have forgotten the arrangement made
at the last Convention - I will thank
you also to write Dr. Brown & ask him
to send me to the same address - the
usual annual ticket on the Sandy
Mansfield & Black Rock, unless it has
been already sent - & if he for consideration
of our paper - can get a special one also
for the one trip including my daughters
I will be glad - I write no letter as the
change of place causes much work to get