

FILE 31/3: 1831 and 1832

Irish Bishops

- 1 Draft of a letter by Murray to someone named D. Brown (?) (cf. 42 below) who has sent him a plan for National Education. (Illegible and much cancelled and corrected and written over). He got the plan sent but, candidly, does not agree with it. As far as R.C.s are concerned it will prove a disappointment. Insufficient sums are being allotted for the experiment and the conditions attached to it make acceptance by Catholics impossible. He refers to these conditions. For his part he will exert all his efforts to educate R.C. children from whatever he can raise through voluntary subscriptions. He comments on this, on the unfair treatment of Catholics, the money provided by the Catholic Association to found the Model Schools, on the activities of the Kildare Place Society, etc. 5 February 1831.
- 2 Dr J. McHale, Ballina, to Fr Woods, Marlborough Street. He received £50 from anon, sent through Murray for distress in his diocese. Regarding the sums subscribed in France for relief, he, Dr Kelly and Dr McNicholas agree that it should be divided equally between the distressed dioceses. Receipt for £50 enclosed. 14 July 1831.
- 3 McHale to Murray. He received the £172 sent by Murray and gave the other bishops their share; Dr Kelly said that he and Dr Ffrench had received the same, so McHale shared his with Killala and Achonry. They are not giving it to those who get Government relief, but to those in need who are ashamed to beg. The need for food is diminishing but many need clothing. Drs McHale and McNicholas asks Murray if he thinks they are entitled to spend the remainder of the money on winter clothing. Only for all who helped, the distress would have been greater. 30 July 1831.
- 4 Dr Kelly, Tuam, to Murray. The distress is worse than ever in his diocese; but as need increases, relief pours in, so they can now manage another ten days when the new crops should be ready for reaping. The after-effects, fever etc., are dreaded; it has appeared already. He thanks Murray for £172 received; it was a great help. The Exeter Hall and Sackville Street Committees gave theirs to parsons to distribute; some of these were requiring conditions which the subscribers hardly ever dreamt of. He is sorry to hear that Dr Boylan, Rome, is not well. 31 July 1831.
- 5 Dr Ffrench to Murray. He thanks him for sums received and asks Murray's advice about its distribution. Describes the proselytising connected with relief distribution in Galway. He thanks Murray for all his exertions for the suffering poor of west Galway and Mayo. 2 August 1831.

- 6 Dr McHale (Ballina) to Murray. They are all under a great obligation to the French clergy and to Murray for their efforts to aid in the distress. The worst is over; the harvest is early and good, but some will need relief until the end of September. He finds fault with how the government aid is being given; conditions (proselytising) attacked; the sick and feeble neglected; overseers pocketing funds. Drs Kelly and McNicholas are to meet McHale and they will decide what to do about distributing the relief in Achonry. 6 August 1831.
- 7 McHale to Fr Hamilton, Marlborough Street. He acknowledges further sums received from Murray and asks Hamilton to thank Murray. If he leaves Ireland before Kelly and McNicholas return from the north he will leave their share of the funds for them, also Ffrench's. 15 August 1831.
- 8 Copies of resolutions passed by the western bishops at their meeting in Athlone and sent by Dr Kelly to Murray. They thank the French Catholics and especially the editors of *L'Avenir*, and Murray. Alms that came late are to be channelled to education; Murray is thanked and they send him £50 for the Catholic Book Society or any other charity he wishes. 27 October 1831.
- 9 Dr Curtis to Murray. He received Murray's letter about Fr Boylan, and one from Boylan himself; he is glad Murray asked Cardinal Cappellari to appoint Dr Cullen in Boylan's stead (Rector of Irish College and agent of the Irish Bishops). He is glad Murray's health has improved, but his letter suggested that he was depressed over Fr Glynn's unexpected death; he concludes with reflections on approaching death. 30 October 1831.
- 10 Dr Kelly, Tuam, to Murray. He describes how the £1658 sent for relief was divided between Achonry, Killala, Galway and Tuam. He is very pleased to hear that their resolutions (cf. 8 above) pleased the editors of *L'Avenir* but regrets to hear that that paper is being discontinued. He got a copy of Mr Wyse's Education Bill which seems jejune and unsatisfactory. Further comment on same; he thanks Fr Hamilton for his letter. 24 November 1831.
- 11 Dr Curtis, Armagh, to Murray. He is delighted that Drs Murray and Blake are appointed Commissioners of National Education. Comments on the new Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, a contrast to his predecessor. He thinks that Blake's *Harmony*, which they approved of, should be sanctioned by Murray who should not be too squeamish about Douay terms; that version is not now in its primitive state, having been retouched several times without any consultation with the Irish bishops. 27 November 1831.
- 12 Dr Kelly, Tuam, to Fr Hamilton, Marlborough Street. He acknowledges further sums for relief and repeats his intention of sending £50 for the Catholic Book Society. He thanks Hamilton and Murray

for their kindness, also Murray for forwarding the letter that came from Paris. 11 December 1831.

- 13 A printed circular from Dr Doyle, Kildare and Leighlin, to his clergy on the new National Education plan. It is not the best, but suits Ireland's present needs. He comments on various aspects of the plan — religious instruction, school texts, employment and dismissal of teachers, the building of schools. He instructs on how to apply for school building grants and writes a draft application for same for their guidance. 26 December 1831.
- 14 (On same paper as preceding). Doyle to Murray. He congratulates Murray on appointment to Education Board, an honour without the emoluments. Encloses 13 above with comments on same. He hopes that Murray will instruct the Secretary General to draw up several queries that will evoke answers that will guide the decisions of the Commission. 1 January 1831 (should be 1832).

English Bishops

- 15 Dr Baines, Prior Park near Bath, (a) copy of a case concerning a dispute between three members of a religious Order in England with the Vicar Apostolic of their region, about possession of a mission (parish). These took certain action to obtain subscriptions which they thought should go to them. *Query*: Did any or all of the three regulars incur suspension? In a note in his own hand at the end Baines expresses pleasure at Murray's improved health and regret at the unexpected death of Fr Glynn (Marlborough Street). 26 October 1831.
- 16 The Vicar Apostolic of Buenos Aires, Mgr Marianus, to Murray praising the zeal of Fr Patrick O'Gorman (sent by Murray) and his fruitful work in that city which incurred for him the enmity of Protestants; he writes to forestall, counteract and deny any calumnies which these last may spread about O'Gorman. 19 December 1831.

FRANCE

Note: The following 23 letters are from the editors of *L'Avenir*, Paris, who made a stirring and very successful appeal to the Catholics of France for relief of famine sufferers in the western dioceses of Ireland during 1831, (de Montalembert, de Caux, Lacordaire and de la Mennais).

- 17 Lacordaire and de Caux, Paris to Murray. They review Irish links with France in the past and convey the sympathy of French Catholics for famine sufferers in western Ireland. A fund has been launched to aid: M. l'Abbe de la Mennais is President of the Committee. They send a bank draft, first instalment 2,000 francs. A duplicate of the letter is enclosed, also of draft. 22 June 1831.

- 18 The four editors send to Murray another 2,000 francs drawn on bank of Luke Cailaghan. Duplicate of note and draft enclosed. 27 June 1831.
- 19 Same to same. Enclosing notice of 3,000 francs and telling how it has been sent. 30 June 1831. (Signed by de Montalembert and de Caux).
- 20 Same to same. A further 2,000 francs forwarded. (£79 odd). 5 July 1831.
- 21 Lacordaire, de Caux and de Montalembert to Murray. Formal notification of the establishment of the fund; they send different sums since 22 June. They hear that Murray is in London and ask name and address of person he wishes subscriptions to be sent to in his absence. 9 July 1831.
- 22 Lacordaire and de Caux to Murray. They send 4,000 francs; two drafts of £159 odd each. 14 July 1831.
- 23 (In envelope). A paper with two copies of a translation of a letter in French from de Montalembert to Murray. He returns two drafts with the necessary signatures, omitted by mistake. The fund is already about 16,000 francs; this may seem small in English and Irish eyes but the subscribers are poor French Catholics. His delay in writing was due to his father's illness and death. Paper enclosed with total of four sums sent, totalling £636.5. 10 July 1831.
- 24 Lacordaire and de Caux to Murray. His letter gave them great pleasure and induces them to redouble their efforts. They thank him for his blessings for themselves and for the French people, badly needed at this time of political upheaval in Europe. The fund now stands at 20,000 francs and increases daily. They enclose drafts for 4,000 francs. 14 July 1831.
- 25 Lacordaire, de Caux and Montalembert send another 4,000 francs to Murray. 15 July 1831.
- 26 Philippe Carron, bishop of Le Mans, to Murray. When he heard of the distress of poor Irish Catholics he opened a diocesan relief fund and sends 2,000 francs. He is a nephew of the Abbe Carron, whom Murray would have known. 15 July 1831.
- 27 De Caux, de Montalembert and Lacordaire send 4,000 francs to Murray. This makes 25,000 francs forwarded to date. 20 July 1831.
- 28 Bishop of Le Mans to Murray; he sent 2,000 francs five days ago and now sends 3,000 more. The response of his people surprised him; they are poor and have little to give but they give with the good heart that pleases God. If Murray has any difficulty in cashing drafts or wishes money sent in some other way he is to let Carron know. 20 July 1831.

- 29 Lacordaire and de Montalembert send another 4,000 francs to Murray; of 36,000 francs in hand they have now sent 29,000. The Bishop of Le Mans is sending his diocesan collection separately. They hope that Murray is pleased. 23 July 1831.
- 30 Lacordaire sends duplicates of three drafts, amounts totalling 12,000 francs. 25 July 1831.
- 31 De Montalembert to Murray. Encloses 4,000 francs; fund now 46,000 fr. of which 37,000 have been forwarded. This does not include the bishop of Le Mans collection and the Aix and Marseilles dioceses' collections are being sent direct to Dr French of Galway. All sums received have been acknowledged. Strasbourg collection surpassed all, being over 12,000 frs. Encloses a copy of *L'Avenir* to see list of subs, also his own article on Ireland. 4 August 1831.
- 32 A note from the four editors enclosing 4,000 frs. They ask that Irish Catholics be told of their sympathy and its practical expression. 11 August 1831.
- 33 De Montalembert to Murray. He encloses draft for 4,000 fr. He is publishing Murray's recent letter in *L'Avenir*. It should cause the flow of subscriptions to cease, now that the need has lessened. 15 August 1831.
- 34 De Montalembert to Fr Hamilton, Marlborough Street. He received the letter from Hamilton written on behalf of Murray and thanks him for his kind remarks about the editors of *L'Avenir* They would be amply recompensed if the Catholic press in Ireland informed its readers of the sympathy their French co-religionists felt for them and how they expressed that sympathy. Only Catholics contributed, most of them poor country people. He encloses a draft for 6,000 fr. They still hold 15,000 fr. Despite the decreased need for relief they would like Murray and the bishops to accept that sum to expend on various Catholic works. 25 August 1831.
- 35 A paper with copies of three letters, (a) a letter of Fr Hamilton to de Montalembert on behalf of Murray thanking the editors of *L'Avenir* and the people of France for their wonderful aid; the poor who benefitted pray for them. 20 August 1831. (b) Same to same. Thanking for 4,000 fr. received. The distress is over; the aid from French Catholics not only met temporal needs but prevented the poor accepting the aid proffered by proselytisers; not only life, but faith was preserved. 27 August 1831. (c) Same to same. Thanking for 34 above. He will tell Murray of de Montalembert's request, but even though the Catholic press in Ireland cannot compare with the energy and talent Catholic needs require, he will do his utmost to pay just tribute to what *L'Avenir*, its editors and the Catholics of France have done. He cannot say anything about the remainder of the fund; when Murray returns he will surely fall in with their desires in the matter. 1 September 1831.

- 36 Lacordaire and de Caux to Murray. They send draft for 8,000 fr.; there is still 10,000 fr. to come. They will be pleased if a list of the subscriptions is published in Ireland; this will bear witness, as it did in the primitive Church, of the bond of charity between Catholics.
30 September 1831. Same to same. They are sending by the Superior of the Irish College a copy of the Bulletin with details of the fund; Murray will see that they still hold some money. One of the most active churchmen in collecting was M. l'Abbe Charlier of Clermont Cathedral. In that town there is an Irish family long settled; they are virtuous but recently met great misfortune. Murray is asked if he will allow 300 fr. from the residue of fund to be sent to relieve this family. 15 November 1831.
- 37 The editors of *L'Avenir* to Murray. They send the balance, £257 odd and ask if they may give some hundreds of francs remaining to a young Irishman now in Belgium who wishes to accompany the bishop of New York to the U.S. but lacks the money. He was highly recommended to them. 30 November 1831.
- 38 Viscomte Justin MacCarthy, Hotel MacCarthy, Toulouse, to Murray sending two subscriptions for the fund, one from his nephew. The first was sent 25 September by Rev. Mr Bracken going from Rome to Dublin via Toulouse; he hopes it arrived. The other is from Mgr d'Astros, archbishop of Toulouse. 16 December 1831.

Ordinary

- 40 Thomas Wyse, Waterford, to Murray. As he is introducing a motion in Parliament on the subject of National Education, he submits some queries to Murray and the other bishops; e.g. Should there be separate Protestant and Catholic parochial schools? Should the teachers or the pastors of different persuasions be responsible for the teaching of religion in the schools? How should the schools be financed? What provision could be made for continuing education which should be mainly technical? 12 January 1831.
- 41 Mrs Mary Feehan, Liverpool, to Murray. (Similar begging letters from this family are in the two preceding tiles). A further appeal for assistance; one daughter is ill, the other who went to teach with the nuns in Lifford last August has only sent £3. They are starving and penniless and being pressed for rent. The son is coming to set up a partnership with a Liverpool gentleman. The smallest trifle will help. 18 January 1831.
- 42 Lord Stanley, Irish Office, to Murray. He mislaid Murray's letter, hence the delay in replying. He regrets that the plan he sent, which he thought good, will not, according to Murray, satisfy Catholics (cf. 1 above for draft of Murray's reply containing his comments on

- the education plan sent by Stanley). Stanley thinks that Murray misconstrued some of his points and gives a fuller explanation of each of these. 25 February 1831.
- 43 The Lord Lieutenant (the marquis of Anglesey) to Murray. He suggests that in the north, and other places with large Protestant populations, a direction should be given from Catholic altars 'to avoid all display of party or political parade on St Patrick's Day', which should be 'one of gaiety and humour for all Irishmen of whatever creed.' On last 12 July a proclamation was issued banning Orange processions. He abhors proclamations and hopes never to be compelled to issue another. If Murray follows his suggestion and helps to stop Patrick's Day parades that will help him to get rid of the Orange processions when July comes. 3 March 1831.
- 44 R. Lalor Shiel to Murray (from London). He'll do his utmost against the Kildare Place Society. He believes government will reduce the grant to same in favour of a more liberal system of education. The grant for Maynooth is coming up soon. He asks if Murray thinks it should be increased; all sorts of calumnies about the college are bound to come from Gordon, etc. and Shiel wants the means to reply to these; so he would like an early reply. 14 May 1831.
- 45 Portion of a letter from Mother Frances Ball to Murray. Because of missing part it is impossible to decipher this. However, there are references to the school and a French teacher; and Fr Savage is being asked to escort two sisters going on a journey abroad. 28 May 1831.
- 46 John Murtagh, Kilcullen, to Murray. Murray and the V.G.s have ordered him to cease attending Halverstown school. He is deeply hurt; a certain family have done all they could to draw on him Murray's displeasure; yet he will comply with the order. 2 June 1831.
- 47 E. Walsh, St Kyran's College, Kilkenny, to Murray. The bearer, Mr Black, was ordained deacon and has done three years theology and won first prize this year. 20 June 1831.
- 48 The Lord Lieutenant (the marquis of Anglesey) asking if he can see Murray for a few minutes and stating suitable times. 21 July 1831.
- 49 Fr P. Savage, at Manchester, escorting the Loreto nuns to London. Describes journey, especially that by train, and the precautions taken to avoid railway accidents. July 1831.
- 50 Andre, Audit Office, Somerset Place, London, to Murray. When he was leaving Paris his friend, de Caux, one of the editors of *L'Avenir*, asked him to send the copy of an article in that journal (the issue of 26 September). M. Andre was also asked to forward a translation of same and to say that de Caux and his fellow-editors were disappointed at not seeing any acknowledgment of the sums they had raised for distress in Ireland appear in Irish or English newspapers. Before

inserting it in the London papers M. Andre thought that Murray should first see the translation and add any corrections or alterations he thought necessary; if he thought that the article should appear in the Dublin papers first Murray should arrange to have that done. 5 October 1831.

51 (On blue paper). A copy of three extracts, one a note from C. Boylan, Rector, Irish College Rome, to Dr Egan, another a note to Dr Curtis, Armagh:

(a) A reply from Dr Boylan to Curtis' letter of 17 October 1829. He comments on same and on the vacancy in the diocese of Waterford; he explains how the names of Dr Foran and Dr Abraham came to be excluded from the list of candidates. 24 May 1830.

(b) Boylan to Egan concerning the plans to abolish Saturday abstinence. He does not think that this would be granted and gives reasons for his opinion. 5 November 1831.

(c) Copy of an extract copied by Boylan from a folio in the Burgundian Library, Brussels. He gives details of this which concerns a book by Fr Donatus Mooney, O.F.M. circa 1617. Boylan copied this in 1850. (*N.B.* cf. *Analecta Hibernica*, No. 6, pp. 13ff. for an article on same by Fr Brendan Jennings, O.F.M.).

52 An indenture between Mrs F.X.E. Redington, Kilcormac, Co. Galway, and Drs Murray, Doyle and French, and Mr John O'Brien, Mountjoy Square, making over an inheritance from her father to build a convent for the Irish Sisters of Charity (Clarenbridge Convent). 19 December 1831.

53 A bundle of forms, duly filled in: parish returns given to Murray when he visited parishes between May and October 1831. The parishes include Balbriggan, Swords, Finglas, Clontarf, Newtown mountkennedy, Booterstown, Irishtown, Naul, Skerries and Cabinteely.

54 A note from Fr Matthias Kelly, Townsend Street, to Murray. For the past few days Kelly has not been well enough to attend to the matter Murray asked him about. He will forward a full statement about it tomorrow. 14 March 1831.

55 Same to same. A very long letter closely written on four pages of foolscap. A defence against the misrepresentations which he alleges have been made against him to Murray. His accusers were members of the fund-raising committee and the contractors owed money for work on the Townsend Street chapel; his principal accuser was Mr Murphy. 14 March 1831.

N.B. (Re the last two items cf. Dr Donnelly's *History of the Dublin Parishes*: South City Parishes, Chapters VII, pp. 150-152 and Chapter VIII, p. 232. In the 1832 section of this file the affair is also

dealt with; Fr Kelly's arrest for debts etc. Cf. the first letters under ORDINARY for 1832).

- 55a Sister M.F. de Sales Stuart, Blanchardstown Carmel, to Murray. Fir-house has rejected Mrs Crotty's application for admission; she gives the reasons for this. She would like Murray to call to discuss this and other matters. 23 June 1831.
- N.B. (The following items, misplaced in a later file and discovered after the current file (1831) was complete, have been inserted here as they come under ORDINARY for that year).
- 55b Mr F.J. Atkinson of Moore Street, not a Catholic, to Murray. He describes the poverty and uncomplaining goodness and patience of a family living in the forge he lent them at the rear of his house. The father, a smith, is unemployed; they hardly have a meal a day; their one child, a little girl, got measles and because they could not afford remedies necessary, the child has just died. They have no money for interment. They belong to Murray's flock and, though the writer knows that Murray helps people of all creeds and classes, this fact should make His Grace more anxious to help them with some money in their present affliction and he himself will try to find employment for the father; he hopes Murray will also do this. 25 June 1831.
- 55c An anonymous person to Murray. The writer complains of the Charity Sales being held all over the town, especially that of the Sisters of Charity, Stanhope Street. These sales have become very popular with society ladies who buy all the fancy-work and embroidery made by the nuns, but the writer and others who lived by fine needlework are being deprived of their only means of livelihood. 27 June 1831.
- 55d (Enclosed in preceding). A cutting from the *Comet* newspaper; a letter entitled 'Unjust Interference with the Fair Trade' and signed 'A poor and unemployed fancy-worker'. 25 June 1831.
- 55e Sr M. Corballis, one of his nieces, to Murray, enclosing a long confidential letter on a matter of conscience. 4 July 1831.
- 55f A very long letter from Thomas Wyse, M.P. Waterford, writing from London, to J.B. Clinch, Maynooth. Concerning a Bill for the establishment and upkeep of a system of National Education which he is bringing in. He gives the heads of the Bill and gives details of his discussions about it with Mr Hunt. 30 July 1831.
- 55g Annual report for Garristown parish presented to Murray on visitation of that parish. 24 May 1831.
- 55h Annual report for Swords parish presented to Murray. 24 May 1831.
- 55i A printed certificate of the initiation of Brother Felix John Woods as a Freemason of the Dublin Lodge 245. 22 December 1831.

Dr Murray

- 56 Copy of a notice (unsigned) to the Dublin clergy notifying them of the retreat beginning in Maynooth 18 July and Diocesan Synod on following day. On reverse of notice is a list of priests' surnames secular and regular clergy included. 4 July 1831.
- 57 Murray (at Maynooth) to Fr Doyle, Pro-Cathedral. Murray sees no need to change his opinion, therefore he requests Doyle to under take his new charge at once; when the priests come out of retreat Murray will announce Doyle's appointment to them. 20 July 1831.
- 58 Same to same. Doyle is not to lose time dallying with temptation or making foolish excuses; he is to take the post generously and God will aid him. The appointment is now made and cannot be revoked. 21 July 1831.

To Rome

- 59 Draft of a letter from the Irish bishops to Pope Gregory XVI congratulating him on his election as pope. 28 February 1831.
- 60 Draft of a letter from Dr E. French, bishop of Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora, to Cardinal Cardinali, prefect of Propaganda. He is pleased to tell the cardinal that the dissensions arising from party spirit in Galway have happily ended since Dr G. Browne (translated from Elphin) has been consecrated bishop of Galway on 23 October in Athlone. French asks that Ragoon parish in his diocese be granted to Browne and that Ennistymon parish (for some time separated from Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora diocese) be granted him instead. 9 December 1831. (See also 1836 letter, 12 February).

Holy See

- 61 Propaganda to Murray (cf. file 31/2 no. 145, also file 30/10 no. 46). Concerning Fr L'Estrange, ODC and the money left to the Ranelagh Carmelite nuns by Mrs Talbot's will and which L'Estrange has not paid them. Reference to former letters about this. 1 January 1831.
- 62 Papal bull appointing Revd. Matthew Flanagan, P.P. Francis Street, Chancellor of the Dublin Diocesan Chapter. 5 February 1832/1831.
- 63 Bull?
- 64 Three copies of a decree (cf. file 30/11, no. 51) authorising Murray or, in case See is vacant, Ordinary of Dublin Diocese, to have jurisdiction over the Carmelite nuns of Clondalkin, Firhouse and Blanchardstown and to be visitor to these convents in lieu of the Carmelite Provincial suspended from same. This reaffirms decree of Leo XII on same. 26 March 1831.
- 65 Propaganda to Murray. A covering letter with the copies of 64 above. Propaganda is so pleased with the improvement in tranquillity

- etc. in these convents that they wish Murray to continue as visitor and superior. 26 March 1831.
- 66 Same to same. They enclose a letter from Fr L'Estrange to Fr O'Hanlon, ODC depositing £300, amount of disputed legacy (cf. 61 above). Propaganda sends this to Murray and hopes to hear soon that the matter is happily ended. 2 April 1831.
- 67 Copy of a request to the Holy See from the Irish bishops for indulgences and benefits attached to the Pious Union of the Sacred Heart, which they wish to establish in their dioceses. On same paper the request is willingly granted. 26 June 1831.
- 68 Propaganda to Murray. His Holiness grants a plenary indulgence, applicable to the souls in purgatory, for the feast of the Blessed Trinity and its octave, on the usual conditions. 26 June 1831.
- 69 Propaganda to the archbishops and bishops of Ireland granting permission to celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart as a major Double with its own Mass and Office as in the end of the Roman Missal and Breviary. 26 June 1831.
- 70 Copy of a letter from Propaganda to Murray. Concerning the situation in the Irish College, Rome, where discipline has deteriorated and there is constant quarrelling; this hinders the progress of the students in their studies and will lessen their utility when they eventually return to Ireland. It is necessary to recall the rector, Fr Christopher Boylan. The latter has written to Murray asking to be recalled to Ireland on health grounds. Murray would be wise to accept his resignation on health grounds and appoint a successor, someone capable of establishing good order and concord in the college is urgently needed. 2 July 1831.
- 71 Same to same. His Holiness empowers Murray to grant matrimonial dispensations in not more than forty cases and within the second degrees of consanguinity and affinity. (A note at end of page states that this was renewed on 17 February 1842). 24 July 1831.
- 72 Same to same. The prioresses and sub-prioresses of St Joseph's Carmel, Ranelagh plead the financial difficulties of their convent, consequent on the founding of Clondalkin, Firhouse and Blanchardstown Carmels. Murray is asked to persuade the nuns of the three new Carmels not to insist on having their dowries refunded by Ranelagh. The two Stuart sisters and Sister Dillon recently inherited large sums through their fathers' wills, so they should be able to manage without impoverishing Ranelagh Carmel. Propaganda is sure that Murray will see that things are happily settled. 13 August 1831.
- 73 Same to same. A covering letter with the rescripts in the following (74 and 75 below) sent in reply to Murray's letter of 20 August 1831. 17 December 1831.

- 74 A rescript with an indult, re the dispensation from the law of abstinence on St Mark's Day and Saturdays, requested by the Irish bishops His Holiness leaves it to individual bishops' discretion and the circumstances of their respective dioceses; because of increasing poverty and destitution they may grant this dispensation. 17 December 1831.
- 75 A similar rescript with indult; dispensation from the obligation of hearing mass on the feast of St John the Baptist. 17 December 1831.
- 76 Two documents, duplicates of 74 and 75, are enclosed with these latter in 73 above. One is written in Italian; the date however of the granting of the dispensation is 8 August 1831.
- 77 A torn page with portion of a printed list. A summary of the Stations in Rome and dates when they are held at different Roman churches.

Ordinary

- 78 (Correspondence continued from December 1831 (cf. 53 etc. above in this file). Fr Matthias Kelly (Townsend Street), who has been made P.P. of James's Street, to Murray. A long letter; he finds that his new charge entails too much work and finds himself unequal to it; he details all the responsibilities and proposes that Murray divide the parish as he divided that of Francis Street. If this is not approved of he resigns as P.P. and will go as curate wherever assigned. 13 January 1832.
- 79 Same to same. Writing from his sister's house in Synnot Place off Dorset Street he again resigns; repeats all stated in 78 above and offers to accept a curacy anywhere in the diocese. 18 January 1832.
- 80 Petition of Fr Matthias Kelly who has been committed to Kilmainham Jail for debts owing to several contractors re Townsend Street Chapel (a project now abandoned by Diocese in favour of Westland Row). Balance sheets showing amounts claimed by various creditors. Details of his assets. He attributes his inability to pay to fact that he lodged all the funds in two mining companies that have gone bankrupt. (Several pages). Date of petition 1 June 1832. Date petitioner was committed to jail, 17 April 1832.
- 80a Similar papers to 80 above describing all Kelly's real and personal estate — insignificant compared to debts. 1 June 1832.
- 81 A printed statement by contractors etc. who were owed money for work on Townsend Street chapel, thanking the managing committee for raising funds to pay them and trusting that they will discharge the final claims. 7 December 1832.
- 82 Copy of a letter from Mr John Kelly, Kingstown, to Fr James McKenna, Cabinteely, accusing him of publicly describing him 'as another Johnny Peters' and otherwise calumniating him. Kelly intends taking legal action to clear his name. 6 January 1832.

- 83 Copy of Fr McKenna's reply to the foregoing. Rather supercilious in tone; threatens counter legal action. 9 January 1832.
- 84 Copy of John Kelly's reply to the preceding. He has further evidence that McKenna did make such statements in public. (A note by copyist says 'No further reply from Fr McKenna'). 10 January 1832.
- 85 John Kelly, Kingstown, to Murray complaining that Fr Bart Sheridan, P.P., and McKenna spread false rumours about him; this is serious as Kelly is Trustee of the R.C. Chapel; he gives full particulars. 16 January 1832.
- 86 Sir John de Courcy Laffan to Murray; he encloses ten guineas for charities named and discusses political matters especially those referring to education. 18 January 1832.
- 87 Dr A. FitzGerald, Carlow, to Murray. He is pleased that Murray has received the Brief from Rome though it will add to his work. He has seen many bad results (e.g. with O.P. nuns, Cabra) of having religious under Prov. of their order rather than under ordinary. Things go better when their allegiance is to their bishop. His own health is much better. 26 January 1832.
- 88 Sister M. Agnes Rafter, D.C., Blanchardstown, to Murray. She wrote to Mrs Watson as Murray directed and told her to reply either to Murray or her. She gave Mrs. Watson to understand they would expect a reply from her. 27 January 1832.
- 89 Fr C. Husenbeth, Cossy, near Norwich, to Murray. He thanks Murray for informing him of the swindler calling himself Fr Fanning. Reports received say that Fanning had collected £1000 or £2000 in Liverpool, but sent only £40 to his order and told people that he had written to Rome for a dispensation from his vows, as he was going to Jamaica, and that his superiors had sent him to England to collect. Husenbeth is doing all he can to save others from being taken in as he himself was; he gave him a complete set of his writings v. Blanco White and inscribed them all. 30 January 1832.
- 90 A printed report on progress being made with Tuam Cathedral and financial statement re same. 1 February 1832.
- 91 Sr Sgnes Rafter, Blanchardstown Carmel, to Murray. Fr Dean gave her Murray's letter; she agrees with the arrangements but requests permission to go to New Ross Carmel for 2½ years before going to Firhouse. she resigns as prioress; her successor will find the house free from debt and with some useful furniture. (On back, in Murray's hand are four suggestions for arranging the Blanchardstown- Firhouse Carmels). 9 February 1832.
- 92 (This letter precedes foregoing in date). Same to same. Concerning for admitting Mrs Watson; there may be some difficulty in adjusting to the different customs of houses, also re the

- annuity. She discusses other changes and transfers from Blanchardstown. 7 February 1832.
- 93 Same to same. She accepts the decision to close Blanchardstown. The two sisters with her there are returning to Firhouse. She will leave for New Ross where they've agreed to accept her and, as Murray directs, in perpetuity. But had they known that Murray had decided to keep Blanchardstown on as a Carmel they would have put up with all the trials there. 11 February 1852. (She encloses 94 and 95 below).
- 94 (Enclosed in 93). Sr M. Joseph McDonnell, D.C., Blanchardstown to Murray. She regrets that she is not going to William St where she would be accepted but submits to go to Firhouse. She asks that she may not be obliged to answer Sr Stuart's questions re Blanchardstown. She is glad that the prioress has not to go to Firhouse; she would not like to see her treated as that holy old nun, Mrs O'Reilly, was etc. etc. 11 February 1832.
- 95 (Enclosed in 93). Sr M.P. Doyle to Murray (from Blanchardstown). She writes on the same lines as Sr Joseph (94 above). She is glad the prioress has not to go to Firhouse where she would be made unhappy. She herself submits to going there but asks permission not to have to answer Sr Stuart (prioress, Firhouse) re Blanchardstown. 11 February 1832.
- 96 Sr M. Mary, St Clare's, Newry, to Murray. Their Constitutions have not yet been confirmed. Dr Kelly referred her to Murray when she told him that a certain section of the Constitutions needed alteration. She gives the extract and suggests what Murray might add, to clarify point and prevent future uncertainty. 13 February 1832.
- 97 Thomas Glynn, Newtownmountkennedy, to Murray. He is a brother of Fr Glynn, of Marlboro' Street, who died unexpectedly recently. His older brother, in a post in England, died since then. He asks for money or to be helped find employment. He owes six months rent and misses the help his brothers gave him. 15 February 1832.
- 98 Sr M.P. Doyle, Blanchardstown, to Murray. They got his letter saying that they (the Carmelites) might remain for the present. The prioress is erecting the grill with Murray's permission. May they allow Mr Dean £12 to £15 a year to supply Community Mass on Sundays and Holydays? They were overjoyed but meantime Mr Dean called and when the prioress asked had he any objection to their remaining he said he'd prefer to replace them with three nuns from Firhouse. The sisters begged the prioress leave at once for Ross; Fr Dean became exasperated and threatened them. They beg Murray's protection and ask permission for writer and Sr Joseph to go to William St where the community will receive them; they will obey Murray's decision. 15 February .1832.

- 99 Copy of an extract of a letter from Vienna, quoted in the London *Times*, with a Jewish cure for cholera (then rampant in Dublin). In one town of 263 Jews stricken with the disease all but two recovered
1832.
- 100 Fr Griffin (O.P.?) Townsend Chapel House, to Murray. He describes how Fr O'Reilly left for Rome and since got leave to join the English mission; certain uncharitable members of their order brought up charges against O'Reilly, charges he was cleared of years before; it would be cruel to resurrect these charges again. O'Reilly's chief accuser is 'a foolish visionary, a mad fanatic who would ruin a character out of pure charity.' 9 March 1832.
- 101 An obituary notice of a nun who died in Rome, aged 85, on 3 March 1827. She evidently had Irish relatives; she died of pleurisy. Notice is signed by a doctor. 12 March 1832.
- 102 An unsigned note to Murray enclosing £14, the bequest of a deceased person for the parish priest of Oran, Co. Roscommon to distribute among the poor. A note by Murray on back says when and to whom he forwarded same. 12 April 1832.
- 103 John Mentaigne, Tallaght House, to Dr Blake, asking him to use his influence with Murray to have a church built in Tallaght. He explains the need for this and offers a site and states that funds will be forth coming for the project. 28 May 1832.
- 104 Charles Aylmer, 18 Upper Gardiner Street, to Fr Cunningham, P.P. Rahan, promising the lease of ground needed to build an intended school. 11 June 1832.
- 105 The will of Mary Anne Biggar bequeathing Killina House and farm near Rahan to her sister, an Irish Sister of Charity, and the order. Murray and Mrs O'Brien, Rahan Lodge, are named executors. 11 June 1832.
- 106 A letter from Fr French, O.D.C., Loughrea, describing the persecution he suffers since his return to Loughrea and asking Murray to get ODC Provincial to transfer him to Clondalkin; encloses an anonymous letter, begs Murray's protection and details his troubles in the order. The book mentioned in the anon, letter is his breviary which he reads in the garden. If the Provincial will not help him he will apply to Rome for secularisation. The anon, scrawl enclosed is badly written, warns him to leave Loughrea, calls him the son of a robber and murderer of the people there, etc. etc. 21 June 1832.
- 107 Mrs A.M. Houghton, at The Glebe, Rahan, Clara, to Murray. She is staying with her son and relatives and wishes to conceal her poverty from them. She begs Murray (whose penitent she is?) to send her some alms. 23 June 1832.

- 108 Robert O'Grady, Dawson Street, to Murray. He made some payments according to the bequest of Mrs Butler for the poor schools in Ballyragget and Borris-in-Carlow as he had some word for Mr Daly Paris, and encloses Dr Kinsella's (Ossory) receipt; (there is a note from Murray to Dean Hamilton dated 5 July 1832, enclosing drafts and instructions re same). 25 June 1832.
- 109 Will of Dr Bartholomew Crotty, President, Maynooth College, with a memo listing his assets and debts of same date as will; he is leaving for Leamington Priors. 9 August 1832.
- 110 A note from Henry O'Shea to Murray asking him to formally verify the signature of Dr Collins as on enclosed Baptismal Certificate which is to be used in Spain; the Spanish Consul says that they know Murray's signature and will accept his verification of Collins. 1 October 1832.
- 111 (On same paper). Draft of a letter from Murray to either the bishop of Ferns or the bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. He could not believe that any priest of Dublin diocese would be guilty of matter complained of; it must have happened in the portion of Co. Wicklow not belonging to Dublin diocese. If he (Murray) knew the exact place and ascertained that it was within his own jurisdiction he would have acted immediately; as matters stand, he can only ask the rural deans to make enquiries. 1832.
- 112 Mr Wright of Great Ship Street to Murray. Mr Walkinshaw, Liverpool, agent for the Australia SS. Co., proposed to take all the orphans in the Mendicity between 6 and 12 years for £10 each; this includes outfit, passage to Sydney and Hobart as servants and apprentices to the free settlers. The offer is fair and equitable and guarantees the children's safety. The writer asks Murray's opinion as to the propriety of adopting the scheme and if the funds of the Institute can be disposed of in this way. 18 October 1832.
- 113 Fr Jas. Smyth, P.P. Balbriggan, to Murray. His brother in Cavan has died and he wishes to go home for 10 to 14 days to console his parents. He has made arrangements for a supply which he asks Murray to approve. 19 October 1832.
- 114 Fr Mark Byrne, secretary of the Andean Society, Townsend St, to Murray, asking him to preach the annual charity sermon. 19 October 1832.
- 115 Fr Halpin, Ballinapark, Arklow, to Murray asking for powers for the priests of the parish to deal with those who have delayed their Easter duty, enclosing bill for repairs to New Bridge N.S. He sent this to the Department of Education three month ago but got no reply. Mr Murray, Sheepwalk (Murray's brother or nephew) advised him to write to Murray about this; if it is not paid the teachers must leave and the school will have to be closed. 19 October 1832.

- 125 Same to same. From Shelton Abbey. He thanks Murray for his friendly and instructive letters. Another long passage on the Kildare Place Society and his opinions on same and on National Education 14 December 1832.
- 126 Sr M. Ignatius, Harold's Cross, to Murray. Enclosing bills in case her retreat and Murray's possible absence from town might delay their acceptance. December 1832.
- 127 A statement of account of the residue of the personal estate of Mr Burke, to Murray, Mr D'Arcy and others. Covers period 1795 to 1840.

Irish Bishops

- 128 (Printed). A cutting from *The Southern Reporter* with letter of Dr Doyle, J.K.L. to Daniel O'Connell; an open letter expressing his distress at O'Connell's relinquishing his advocacy of a legal provision for the poor and instituting Repeal agitation instead. On same cutting a letter of Dr Kinsella, Ossory, refuting a statement in English and Irish papers that an Ossory priest had called H.M.'s soldiers 'murderers'. When Kinsella asked for the priest's name, the editors pleaded the libel law. When he asked for the name in confidence, prior to starting a church enquiry, he was refused. So Kinsella concludes that the press statement was fictitious. 6 January 1832 and 8 January 1832.
- 129 Dr Doyle, to Murray. Re the coming Lenten Pastorals, he and the other suffragans will follow Murray's fast and abstinence regulations. A long passage with observations on these church laws. 6 January 1832.
- 130 Dr Doyle to Murray. He asks if his faculties allow him to grant certain matrimonial dispensations. Fear of the cholera will probably induce the bishops to dispense from Lenten fast this year. He is going to London on the Church affair. Fears he may have offended Dr Blake by a letter in which he said all should be between Lord Anglesea (the Lord Lieutenant) and Murray and Blake does not fully understand the matter. 3 February 1832.
- 131 Same to same. Writing from London he says that the cholera is no worse there and no panic but a great loss to trade. He finds England changed for the worse. The government is borrowing heavily and gold is leaving the country in large quantities. They say that the Monarchy is divided against itself and that as many are for Revolution as against it. The Irish M.P.s have virtually placed O'Connell in Coventry; they seem to fear and hate him and say he courts the Minister for place. They have again frightened Lord Grey and Plunkett is likely to be left without the support he deserves. He goes about

- apologising and giving explanations which are not accepted. I always disliked him. The Committee of the Lords ended its sittings for a most laughable reason'. The Commons Committee has not sent for Dr Doyle yet; he heard that they are as unwilling to hear him as he is to be questioned by them. 'Pray that the Lord may deliver me from the Lion's mouth'. In a postscript he reports that Dr Bramston has consecrated a Dr Morris to supersede Dr Slater of Mauritius; the latter is returning to Rome with a pension of £380 p.a. 16 February 1832.
- 132 Two copies of a printed letter from the bishops to the clergy and faithful of Ireland announcing an indult by Pope Gregory XVI of 17 December 1831, extending to Ireland the same dispensation in regard to Saturday abstinence as that already granted to England and Scotland; this applies only to Saturdays that are not also fast days. 5 March 1832.
- 133 Dr Doyle, writing from Prior's Pack, Bath, to Murray. He went to Taunton in a snowstorm and got ill in Bath; is at Priory Park as guest of Dr Baines. Lady Bellew is there and her husband is expected today. He is uneasy and wishes he were home as there are rumours of unrest; a meeting called for the Curragh is scheduled; he tried to get it cancelled. He has stomach trouble and is depressed. The news from the Commons is not promising; too much reliance on the promises of Mr Stanley and Lord Allthorp. 'We will beat them yet'. 10 March 1832.
- 134 Same to same. (Carlow). He is recovered. He cannot accede to the bishop of New York's plea for the couple in question; the case is one of incest, elopement, etc. and misrepresentation to Dr Dubois in New York. These evils are common in that couple's parish and Doyle and the P.P. have great difficulty in stemming them. To allow that couple to cohabit in Kildare and Leighlin diocese is completely out of the question. He asks Murray to explain all this to Dr Dubois. 24 March 1832.
- 135 Fr Cormick, O.Carm., Booterstown, to Murray. Fr Ryan, P.P. and the writer have some suggestions to make re parish regulations, the chaplaincy Blackrock, duties and districts of the curates etc.; they hope he will approve. They would like Dr Blake to come out and see the state of the parish, the chapels etc. He, Cormick, is leaving his two houses to the Mercy Nuns; their value is £1000. 14 May 1832.
- 136 Father M. Ryan, P.P., Booterstown, to Murray. He is no longer able to discharge his duties and resigns parish on pension of £80 p.a. 21 May 1832.
- 137 Dr French, Galway, to Fr Woods, Pro-Cathedral. Thanking for £50 distress relief received; the sum has been given to the committee distributing the relief fund. 13 July 1832.

- 138 Dr Doyle, Carlow, to Mr Anthony Egan, Werburgh Street, Dublin. He has no situation at present that would suit Mr Egan but he mentioned Egan's name to a gentleman who has been looking for a schoolmaster; that man may apply to Egan. 14 July 1832.
- 139 A reply by Rev. Beston, Lincolns Inn, London, to a query re the validity of a deed of assignment; he says that the document, not being properly sealed, is inoperative. 3 August 1832. (Cf. file 31/4, no. 19).
- 140 Dr Kelly, Newry, to Dr McCann, V.G., Dundalk. He communicates faculties he received from Rome to McCann, He lists the seven of them and will be more explicit when they meet; explains why two dispensations are not included; if any such cases come up they are to be referred to Kelly. He may call end of week; comments on coming meeting of the Dromore clergy on 24 October. 7 October 1832.
- 141 Same to same. Writing from Drogheda. Further about faculties he is delegating to McCann; comments on the tendency to marry within the forbidden degrees; they should try to deter people from this. Refers to objections raised to an appointment of a housekeeper to the Siena nuns, Drogheda and certain rumours that reached him about a certain O.P. priest. He asks McCann to find out the truth and let him know. 22 December 1832.

Non-Irish Bishops

- 142 Dr England, Charleston, U.S. to Murray. Writing from Lyons, he describes his journey and stay in London and Paris and people from his diocese at Le Havre. These last, a French-American firm, gave him letters of credit to the amount of 10,000 fr. The archbishop of Paris and the cardinal of Rouen received him kindly and gave him handsome sums for his diocese. In Paris he stayed at the Irish College; he reports favourably on its present state. A Dublin priest there is very ill. In Lyons he is meeting the Propagation of the Faith authorities; the treasurer has accommodated him in his beautiful house with views of the Rhone and the Alps; he has been advised to go to Rome via Geneva and Vienna and Venice; he will then return to Ireland; hopes his trip will strengthen links between his diocese and Catholic Europe. 30 October 1832.

France

- 143 A letter from (?) Bordeaux, to Fr M. Gaffney, Director, Beauvais Seminary. Gives spiritual advice as to what Gaffney should do now that his health has broken down; since he gets good health in Ireland he thinks Gaffney now return there and do whatever his archbishop decrees. His own voice is now affected; he cannot preach or even speak much. He gives news of mutual friends and sends regards to M.Gignoux. 13 April 1832.

- 144 A Jesuit director to Gaffney (Gaffney thought of becoming a Jesuit). Advises him to first see what head of Beauvais Seminary decides, then his archbishop at home; but he should first rehabilitate his health. He points out that many Jesuits in very poor health do great good as confessors, visiting the sick, etc. Cites some examples. 16 April 1832.
- 145 . P. Gignoux, Beauvais, to Murray. He thinks Gaffney should go home, much though they regret his departure; his poor health has been caused by overmuch study and ardent zeal; they would like to have him back but think that community life and teaching may only increase his nervous state. He recommends Gaffney to Murray as a most dedicated and zealous priest; his penitents past and present are all distinguished by their piety. 22 April 1832.
- 144J. O'Carroll, Paris to Murray. He is disappointed that Murray did not accede to his request; a long rigmarole about his misfortunes concluding with statement that he has taken the liberty of drawing on Murray for £10, 'to save me from ruin and despair'. 30 July 1832.

Dr Murray: To Rome

- 147 An undated, unsigned draft of a letter from the archbishops and bishops of Ireland to Pope Gregory XVI, requesting him to grant to the faithful in Ireland the same dispensations as had recently been granted to the Catholics of Great Britain; these concerned a relaxation of the obligation to abstain on Saturdays that were not fast days and an abrogation of the obligation to hear Mass on 4 June, feast of St John the Baptist. (Undated but Mgr Curran marked 1831-32 on outside of folder containing this draft).
- 147 a Letter from Holy See appointing Dr Cullen Rector of the Irish College, Rome in succession to Dr Boylan returned to Ireland. 7 January 1832.

Holy See

- 148 Murray to Pope Gregory XVI asking that Fr Matthew Flanagan be appointed Chancellor of the diocese and that Fr John Kerr, C.C. Francis Street, be appointed to the Chapter as Prebendary of Donaghmore and O'Maille. On same page is a note from Propaganda saying that the pope grants the request. 5 February 1832.
- 149 (Printed). Copy of the decree appointing Fr Flanagan Notary Apostolic of Dublin diocese. 14 February 1832.
- 150 Propaganda to Murray. In a letter of 10 January Murray proposed promoting Dr Blake Dean of Dublin Chapter and Fr M. Flanagan Chancellor of same. Apostolic bulls were sent by Fr Boylan who has left for Ireland, also a rescript concerning relics requested; also by

Boylan letters patent appointing Frs Meyler, Flanagan and Yore for the posts Murray recommended — Notaries Apostolic to Propaganda. 31 March 1832.

- 151 Same to same. Fr Coleman, O.Carm., has asked Holy See for leave to have the Dublin house of Order designated as novitiate; this will save sending notices to Rome or Spain. Murray is asked to advise. 7 April 1832.
- 151a Same to same. Fr J.L. Knowd has petitioned Holy See saying that certain matters re the Christian Brothers require attention. Before acting Propaganda want Murray's opinion. 5 May 1832.
- 152 Propaganda to Murray. His Holiness accedes to Murray's request that the indulgences and favours granted the *Freres des Ecoles Chretiennes* in France be granted to the Irish Christian Brothers. 1832/1829? (A renewal of a grant by previous pope?). (Forwarded 5 May 1832).
- 153 (Printed, enclosed in preceding). Translation of the transcript of above and Murray's verification that it is a true copy of the original. 1832.
- 154 A letter from Murray to the Holy See. Fr Ryan, P.P., Booterstown has resigned his parish because of paralysis which incapacitates him; he asks for a pension of £80 p.a. Murray recommends Fr John P. Doyle for the parish and asks the holy father's approval for both arrangements. 5 August 1832.
- 155 A reply from Propaganda to the preceding. Approval is willingly granted. 5 August 1832.
- 156 Two printed copies of Gregory XVI's Encyclical, *Mirari vos arbitramur*. 18 September 1832.
- 157 A printed copy of Gregory XVI's Apostolic Letter announcing the Universal Jubilee. 2 December 1832.