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Hammerfield,
Penshurst,
Kent.

Dear Mr Lloyd George

In spite of my most earnest warnings you have, if Press reports be credible, persisted in pursuing a hopelessly impassable pathway; and by your suggestions for the segregation of the Province, or worse still of a portion of the Province of Ulster from the National Unity of Ireland - you have at once alienated the Catholic Bishops of the South, and exasperated the Protestant leaders of the North.

Were your proposals for the disintegration of Ireland capable of realisation, they could but lead to the ruin of Mr Redmond's influence, the inflaming of the spirit of rebellion, and the destruction of the constitutional movement for the attainment of Home Rule. In a word you would have accomplished by folly what the Sinn Feiners vainly endeavoured to effect by force, and curses more bitter than those of desolated Dublin would flock for ever under the shadow of your name. Be warned in time, remember Abraham Lincoln's immortal maintenance of the Union of America, and forbear.

Believe me

Your sincere well-wisher

Arnold F. Hills.