ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE,
DUBLIN.

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My dear Sir John Maxwell

It is only today that I have had an opportunity of answering your letter of the 19th. I have had to leave Dublin under medical orders and am staying in the Co Wicklow for a couple of months.

To-day I have been free to come to Dublin and I have had an opportunity of consulting with my official advisers on matters such as that on which you have written to me. Steps have now been taken

to apply a remedy but they are necessarily informal. I trust they may prove ~~[illegible]~~ effectual, but I not very hopeful of a completely satisfactory result.

The real difficulty is that there is a very widespread feeling of discontent, already sufficiently strong and, as far as I can ascertain, growing stronger every day. This makes it a serious question whether even action taken from purely human motives for the avoidance of bloodshed may not be misinterpreted ~~[illegible]~~ with the result that more harm than ~~[illegible]~~ good may follow. But we must hope ~~[illegible]~~ for the best.

Many thanks for the permit kindly

sent.

Faithfully yours
× William Walsh