

Parkersburg Jan'y 23/07

Rev. J. M. Bauer

Re Rev and dear Bishop.

allow me to lay before your Lordship my answer to the two propositions which you wished me to submit to you in writing:

1. If you wish me to go to Hungaria for a year or so to study the language I feel that after weighing the matter in all its bearings, and knowing from personal experience that living-expenses in Austria are much higher than in Germany, I could not expect to get along with less than \$60⁰⁰ per month. The trip thither will cost me from \$140 to \$150⁰⁰. If an appeal to your generosity would assure me of your willingness to assume about half of that amount I should feel extremely grateful. This appeal I would not make but for the fact that, after being away from the Diocese for a year and a half, during which time I had no income, your Lordship may surmise that my present financial status is not such that I could afford to decline any financial assistance which your generous heart might prompt you to offer. And, believe me, I have taken every cent of my savings into consideration in making the figures to your Lordship for a congrua sustentatio as low as I possibly could, especially for the 2^d proposition which I herewith submit:

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2^o, In the event of my going to Europe and remaining there indefinitely, I think I could get along with \$40⁰⁰ per month. If I should at any time succeed in receiving a small revenue from some other source (in the shape of a "Beneficium" or the like) I would be willing to notify you of the fact and have the income from said benefice deducted from the amount afore mentioned if you desire me to do so. —

On the 28th of April it will be 18 years that I have been ordained, and it is with a heavy heart I make the statement that I feel at present as tho' it were useless for me to attempt to work in this diocese any longer; my spirit is broken and any effort on my part to rouse myself proves a failure. My position here is not an enviable one, and if you can find a way to accede to one of these propositions, (preferably the second) it would, I trust, restore my former peace of mind and insure you my lasting gratitude.

I beg to remain

Yours

humble servant

J. W. M. M. M.

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