

had, time and again, associated his name with the prospective dignity. And two months prior to his death he told me he had received three or four letters from Monsignor Merry del Val, and in not one of them was there the slightest reference to any movement in Rome looking towards his elevation. He at that time had relinquished all hope. However, there is no object in further discussing that matter at present.

I now regard it as settled that the Government has no intention of keeping faith with me.

Had it been some one of another creed and nationality to which the Government was obligated for the services I performed, there would not have been a single objector to his being rewarded.

The Honourable
CHARLES FITZPATRICK,
Minister of Justice.

Yours sincerely,
HUGH MACMAHON.

Clearville, 27th Decr., 1870.

My dear Sir,—

I duly received your letter written a fortnight ago, for which accept my thanks. I shall be most happy to call upon you the first time I visit London, which I expect will be sometime next month. I shall try and be there before you leave.

I read with a great deal of interest your letter in the *Advertiser*, and I have no doubt but it will do a great deal of good. What we now want is a fair representation of Roman Catholic candidates in constituencies in which they have a fair chance of success, and then the union will be fairly re-established.

If F. Smith becomes a supporter of the Government, and O'Connor is taken into the Cabinet, it may go far to neutralize our efforts. This, it seems to me, is a threatened danger that must be met. Sir John sent his friend O'Reilly a month since West to counteract what is being done by yourself and others. Do you know what success he had? I shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

HUGH MACMAHON. ESQ.,
London.

Yours truly,
DAVID MILLS.