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To
The Right Reverend Bishop Stack D.D.
The Right Reverend G. A. Chadwick D.D.
Lord Bishop of Lerry & Raphoe
The Right Reverend Maurice Day D.D.
Lord Bishop of Clogher
Most Reverend Members of the Council of
Bishops of the Lusitanian Church Catholic, Apos-
tolic, Evangelical.
Reverend Fathers in God!

We the undersigned Clergy & lay Synodsmen of the
Lusitanian Church C., A., E., humbly & respectfully beg
leave to approach your Lordships ~~by~~ imploring the benefit
of your valuable assistance & advice ~~in our state of need~~

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distinctly Catholic, Episcopal, Evangelical Constitution & Liturgy and notwithstanding many difficulties we have always remained firm & steadfast expecting that the time was not distant when we might have a bishop of our own.

On the 19th February 1859, the Irish Bishops replied to our Memorial sent them some years before:

"We are Compelled, in the interests of unity and peace throughout our own Church and the Anglican community at large, to inform memorialists that we cannot see our way to comply with their prayer. But, while so saying, we would express our hope that they may, before long, succeed in obtaining the aid for which they seek, from some source where the difficulties which embarrass us do not exist, and sincerely do we trust that they may secure thereby even a larger measure of sympathy and support than in the event of our compliance, they might have reason to expect."

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he wrote: "It seemed to me decidedly best that the native Church should have a native born Bishop. I laid much stress upon the importance of avoiding anything that might make the movement look like an Anglican plantation... However, I confess that had I not your opinion on the same side I think I should have given way, so urgent were they?"

Copy of an autograph letter from the Archbishop of Armagh, Nov. 17th 1897:

"Dear and dear Sir, I duly received your favour of the 11th and a petition of the Lusitanian Church addressed to myself and the other Irish Bishops. The agenda of our meeting of yesterday, which had long previously been arranged, did not admit of a lengthened discussion nor could we come to a conclusion at once, involving ecclesiastical principles of such grave importance.

The decision cannot be delivered before the meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops in February, 1898. I shall not fail to inform you of the result with as little delay as possible.

I add the expression of my personal good will and that of my Episcopal Brethren to yourselves as to all other Christian people rightly struggling to be free, and my trust that your Communion may be led

into the fulness of Catholic truth, and brought into agreement with our Reformed and Apostolic Branch of the Church of Christ, purified alike from medieval superstitions and modern excesses.

Yours faithfully in Christ, Rev and dear Sir,
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"The Bishops are most anxious to assist them in any way in their power, but regret that at present they cannot proceed to the Consecration of a Bishop."

We daily feel that it is impossible to make any rapid or extensive progress until we have a bishop of our own.

We also fear that we cannot be admitted into full intercommunion with the vast Anglican Communion nor any other Church in Communion with her until ~~our~~ Catholic organization is completed by the Consecration of a ^{natively} Bishop.

When we have a bishop of our own, familiar

with the needs of ~~the~~^{our} Country, the Church will be consolidated, and will become a nursing mother to tens of thousands of our fellow-countrymen, and then it is certain that all the isolated Catholic Congregations free from the yoke of Rome will join us.

We now humbly pray your Lordships graciously to give us the benefit of your valuable Counsel as to whether we should send another Memorial to the Bench of Irish Bishops praying for the Consecration of a native Bishop with a prospect of its being favorably received, or do your Lordships advise us to send a Memorial to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and to the Central Consultative Committee which we are informed meets only once a year in July?

In either case we should be very grateful if your Lordships should be able to strengthen our Memorial with your most valuable guidance and assistance

Traying your Lordships
Apostolical Blessing
We remain
Your

Proponho que agora seja enviado um Memorial aos bispos irlandezes, reunidos debaixo da presidencia do Arcebispo de Armagh, pedindo-lhes a graça de sagrar um bispo escolhido pelo Synodo da Igreja Lusitana, e que copias do Memorial sejam enviadas aos bispos irlandezes que fazem parte do nosso Conselho de Bispos, conforme se fez em 1894 e tambem em 1897, pedindo-lhes o favor de apoiarem a nossa pretensão perante o Arcebispo Primaz da Irlanda. Diogo Cassels.

Nota. — Não é preciso nem é conveniente que se proceda por enquanto á escolha de um bispo, porque em todo o caso ainda haverá muita demora e longas negociações antes que um bispo possa ser sagrado. Em tempo competente Deus providenciará conforme fôr do seu agrado.

O rev. Frederico Flower propoz: que seja approvada a proposta do rev. Diogo Cassels para se remetter aos Bispos Irlandezes um memorial pedindo a sagração d'um Bispo Portuguez mas que primeiro se consulte o nosso Conselho de Bispos sobre a occasião mais propria e a melhor maneira de o fazer. Approvada unanimemente pela Commissão Permanente da Igreja Lusitana em 10 de Fevereiro de 1911.

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We take this opportunity of heartily thanking your Lordships for your very kind sympathy with the Lusitanian Churches and for so vigilantly guarding the purity and integrity of the Liturgy and General Bases of the Lusitanian Church C.A.E.

Praying your Lordships to give us the Apostolical Blessing

We remain,

Your obedient & humble servants,

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