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Bishop's Palace,
Victoria Square,29
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Confidential.

His Grace,

The Most Reverend Archbishop Clune,

The Palace, P.E.R.T.H.

Sir,

As Your Grace is aware, grave allegations of misconduct have been made against one of the Teachers at the Clontarf Boys' Orphanage.

Investigations tend to show that the matter has extended over a period of at least eighteen months and that a number of innocent boys have been corrupted.

As the trouble has been revealed only quite recently, it suggests that there has been very lax administration by the resident Officer in charge and the rest of his staff. I have therefore,

by direction of the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, to request that you will inform me at an early date what steps you propose taking in order to restore confidence in this Institution and to ensure that the moral and material welfare of all children entrusted to its care are fully safeguarded.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Grace's most obedient servant,

UNDER SECRETARY.

I have been in the habit of visiting St. Joseph's Girls Orphanage