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Christian Brothers' Training College,  
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My most dear Br. Superior General,

In my absence the Second Consultor acknowledged the following from the General Council letters 9/2/41 and 13/2/41 as well as enclosures 9/2/41, 10/2/41 and 10/2/41. Your cable came 10/2/41. Thus far your letter of the 30/12/40 has not come. It may have left London between January 1st and 9th and has been lost. See my letter of 27/3/41, P.3. My last letters to you were dated 6/3/41 and 27/3/41.

Br.R.Allen. This Brother applied to the Delegate for a dispensation given as a reason the state of his health, especially in regard to severe headaches. He was refused and advised to bear his sufferings in patience. The Brother then wrote to me stating his difficulty with his second vow. I have not had time to reply.

Br.B.Reid. I was quite surprised to receive on the 2nd April from the Delegate a dispensation for Br.Bruno. A letter from the Brother a few days later stated he had applied owing to the fact that he was not able to keep his second vow because of habits he had contracted as a boy. He left about the 11th April.

Tardun. The Superior General of the Nazareth Sisters wrote to the First Consultor that she could not, owing to shortage of Sisters, manage to allow the Community to remain in Tardun. They are opening a £30,000 building in Geraldton for orphans and old folk. The Bishop has asked the Presentation Sisters to replace them. They will probably do so. The First, who is now in the West, stresses the importance of our agreeing to this. He says it would be disastrous if the Sisters were not there owing to their great service and the publicity given to their presence. The remaining four of us took a vote and by three to one agreed that it was important that some Sisters should be there and we would submit the matter to you. I ask you to cable your reply as the Nazareth building is finished and the Sisters are directed by the Superior General to take it over.

Rose Bay. The accommodation of the Brothers there is urgently in need of remedy. See the Report of the Br. Assistant. We agreed upon the plans of a new residence, leaving the site of the present house for future extension of the School. The estimated cost of the building is about £7000. We voted for an outlay of £8000. We are confident that the place can finance the outlay. If you agree to the expenditure I am sure the Delegate will give permission for the loan. But we may not get the Bank to give it or get the necessary permission from the Commonwealth Government. I must have your authority first.

My Authority. In my letter of the 10th December I asked you to write a letter for the Bank Manager showing my powers. None has yet come and the Manager has been inquiring.

Our Studies. I am having the three copies posted as you have asked, and I will mention to Br. Gabriel that you are having four copies filed.

Br. V. Keenen. It was reported to us that he made a suggestion to a boy to uncover but the boy refused. I spoke to him on the matter and he admitted. The incident occurred at his last place of abode. He said he was taking every precaution where he is now and that everything is quite correct. However we considered the matter in Council and by three to two it was decided to report it to you. An incident similar to the one I have just mentioned took place in 1929 in Bundaberg. The view the Council took was that there was no evidence that a wrong action would have occurred. I am giving this from memory as there is no record of any decision of the Council. He was changed and I am assuming that there was a warning given. Last year we regarded that as a first warning.

*See my letter of 9/2/41 J.P.N.*  
Finance. Owing to absence from the Council Room I have not been able to get through all the correspondence that has gathered. This applies to your letter about financial affairs. The First is in W.A. and the Third is in S. Brisbane relieving owing to the illness of the Superior. The Second and the Fourth are on Retreat. I propose to make mine in Charters Towers when I go up to do the northern houses. Three of us will endeavour to do something about the finances next week. The Bursar tells me that there is a real difficulty about sending money out of the country.

Yarraville. The proposal is that the Brothers for this opening will reside at North Melbourne. So the only terms we have to fix deal with financial arrangements. We favour the usual agreement about Primary Schools in Melbourne to have the fees and a stipend of £60 per teacher. Nothing has been done in the matter yet. I am waiting till a member of the Council can be on the ground to deal with it.

Permits for Tobacco. The only formal permits received from you were for Brothers C.Fenwick, C.Mahony and A.Sterling. I have sent permissions to the six others mentioned in your letter, telling them my authority is from your letter (dated 9/2/41).

With warmest regards,

I am, my most dear Br.Superior Ger  
Your affectionate Brother,

Very Rev.Br.J.P.Noonan,  
Marino, Dublin, EIRE.

*M.B. Hanrahan*