

Melbourne, Nov 16/49.

My Dear Bishop of Sydney,

By the last post from Sydney I have received a letter from the Rev F. J. Cusack Russell, in which he tells me, that your Holiness is not satisfied with the apology which he has offered for his past conduct, and that you have signified to him your intention never again to grant him a license in your Diocese. Under these circumstances, he has applied to me to know whether I can receive him... Now, my

Dear Bishop, I will frankly tell you my feelings upon the matter; and I trust, that you will not  
The Right Reverend  
The Lord Bishop of Sydney.



be offended with me. Although I am  
fully sensible of the extremely  
unbecoming, and culpable conduct  
of which Mr. Russell has been guilty.  
And although I feel, that you  
may be perfectly right in not renewing  
his license, yet all that has taken  
place has not shaken my confidence  
in his genuine Christian Character  
and ministerial faithfulness. Although  
I do not know him personally, yet  
I have had peculiar opportunities  
of forming a judgment upon him,  
from the intimate friendship, which  
has subsisted for many years between  
him & one of my clergy; who has often spoken  
to me of him, & shown me some of his  
letters of an old date. I have also had  
some correspondence with him  
myself.

Before this unhappy affair; and the  
general tenor of his sentiments,  
And, I may add, the testimony  
borne to his faithfulness and diligence  
in his parochial duties were by the  
wh. have most strongly confirmed  
his recent behaviour, confirm me  
in the belief that he is sound at  
heart, and that he is fitted to become a  
very useful Minister of our Church.  
On this account, as well as because  
I cannot but compassionate his  
present destitute condition, I should  
be very glad to employ him, if I  
could do so without ~~the~~ becoming to  
act in opposition to your Lordship's  
judgment and wishes. - It has appeared  
to me however, that your Lordship may  
very properly adopt a course similar  
to that which is in common use



at our Universities; where, when the  
Authorities of a College cannot find  
a student a "Bene Descript," they  
grant him a simple "Licentiate."  
If you will simply give your consent  
that Mr. Russell should apply for employ-  
ment in my Diocese, I will receive  
him upon trial; and there will then  
be afforded him an opportunity  
of reversing his Character, &  
position; and, notwithstanding  
all that is past, will doing good  
service in the Church of Christ.

I feel, that it would be a very serious  
thing for to young a man to be  
thus at once irretrievably ruined,  
and I earnestly trust, that you  
and Miss will be able to comply with  
my suggestion. I am very thankful  
that your health is substantially  
restored. Believe me to be your B. of Exeter  
Brother in the  
C. Mallorne.



2/ The state of the Church at Gelony  
was such, that I felt it necessary  
to make some more effectual  
provision for the people; and I have  
accordingly appointed the Rev Dr  
Macartney, an excellent man,  
and of mature years, to be Archdeacon.  
He has, I hope, already done much.  
In joining the affection, I expect  
of the people. - Hitherto I have  
been unable to fix a clergyman  
permanently in Sipsland; but  
I have sent two, in succession, who  
are discharging their duty there. - One is  
still in the country; and I  
hope, if God permit, to join him



them myself in the course of the  
week after next. There is much  
difficulty in deciding where the  
clergyman, who may be located  
there, shall reside. I have advised  
two gentlemen, Dr. Brown & Mr.  
Brickwood, who formerly applied  
to you. They were both strongly  
recommended to me, and I took  
much pains to satisfy myself  
respecting them. I trust, therefore,  
that I have not acted wrongly.  
Dr. B. has been ministering for  
the last eight months at Belfast,  
and apparently with much zeal  
& success. Mr. Brickwood has

3) And the inhabitants, of the higher  
class, both in the towns and  
country, are disposed to show  
as much attention in their  
power. I have been particularly  
pleased with the kindly feeling  
of the Presbyterians in the Squatty  
Districts. Many of them are  
quite ready to unite with their  
Episcopalian brethren in the  
endeavour to procure a clergyman.  
At present I see very little prospect  
of building churches in this country.  
My great effort is to multiply  
the number of faithful, & laboring  
clergy; trusting that the rest will



~~Now~~ I know in due time. - The  
I may great difficulty is to get  
tolerably good schools even in  
our town. - They are in general  
2 or 3 very inferior characters,  
with 2 or 3 rooms & teachers. - I am  
thankful, that we have succeeded  
in establishing one respectable  
boys school. - The little pamphlet  
which I enclose, will show you  
what I have done for calling forth  
the exertions of the people; but we have  
no wealth in the District, and the times  
are against us. - I must now  
conclude, begging you to excuse the  
hastened nature of this letter, and  
to accept the assurances of the utmost  
of our care & yours, Believe me to be,  
your very affectionate brother in the Lord,  
C. Melbourne.

just entered upon his duties at  
Brighton. - I have also employed  
several young men as catechists,  
with the view of obtaining them  
after a certain period, if they  
appear duly qualified. - The maps,  
which have been strongly reflected hitherto  
is to part, that I have felt it right  
to reflect no means in my power  
of getting at them. - I am, however,  
duly hampered by the want of funds,  
and am sometimes not a little  
solicitous, lest I should involve  
myself in difficulties: but I trust,  
that the Lord will provide. - It is  
my purpose, if I shall not thereby  
put you to inconvenience, to send



upon you for the services, which  
you have in your hands for my  
society... The whole amounts, I  
believe, to £260; viz. £100 for  
Sunday Churches, and £80 for schools  
in Melbourne... I will draw for the  
half (£130) next week; and for the  
remainder, if not inconvenient  
to you, two or three months hence.

I am going to try the experiment  
of a grammar school upon a  
humble scale, the whole being  
built upon St. Peter's ground, and  
of such a character that it can be  
adapted to parochial purposes, whenever  
it may be needed... I find Mr. de B...  
a most kind friend, & especially his