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[Cornelia Connelly to Pierce Connelly]

Rome. Sunday 22, 1836 [May]

Dearest life I received your sweet [?] letter from P. the day before yesterday - let me kiss you for it, but at the same time give you a good scolding for being so dull dear love I knew it would be so - you try very hard to persuade [sic] me you are happy but all the time I know your heart is with me - but this must not be so, give it all to the Church - all, all and then I shall have it to [sic] for am I not one of its children without a wish that is not connected with it - Oh petty don't [sic] think about want or any affliction that it may please the Almighty to punish us with - while we have the kingdom_of heaven within us will we not be happy in spite of every earthly want and while we have the faith will we not be able to bear all even unto death? Oh love think not of me - if I still have too much pride I deserve to be punished for it and to suffer in the sight [?] of our relatives ^{for}[sic] this I believe is my most tender point and where the Almighty could punish me the most severely - but never think of this my love if your duty to God would be better fulfilled by going home - but I cannot conceive it ~~possible~~ [sic] that you could be more useful by going back to america ^{than remaining in Europe} [sic] for at least 4 or 5 years and can it be possible that a man of your abilities would not be useful to the catholics of england - I cannot think so - at all events we could but stay in Germany as I told you in my last and live there as I proposed to you - but at all events dont [sic] give way to depression - the Almighty will not forsake you ~ after having done so much for you - he will give [?] your faith and give you strength to go on ^{in the good work} [sic] and be useful in the world and have you not already [sic] increased the faith of some and [next word blank in Photostat] shaken others - did I tell you Mrs Forbes left you her blessing - dearest I have

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it in my head very often since you left me to beg you to write to John Rodney to place before him what america would be or will be if protestantism lasts when it will be ^{as} / [sic] thickly, populated as europe [sic], no morality out of it - & certainly no other religion has ever given the faith that will enable a people to support a church as it ought to be - do write to him, (with love & charity always) on this subject and advise him quietly and at his leisure to read Milner's end of Con. & the folly ^{of labouring} [sic] in a cause which however good its object is in the spirit of disobedience as its fruits plainly shew &c &c you know much better than I do I only wish to put these thoughts into your head ~~after he has~~[sic] advise him to make acquaintance with Mr Hughs and at least to examine if he is taking the words of our Saviour with the humility of a little child - & how wise it is in the Almighty to prove us by exacting this humility - miracles &c. I have a strong hope that such a [little word] letter would not be useless - and you know he would have but [next illegible] interests [sic] to interfere - if he was to change the whole Duval family would follow - let us begin a novena for him as soon as he will have had time to receive your letter it at least can do no harm and the almighty may be pleased to bless our efforts I have not received a line from May yet I wrote to them yesterday for the first time since the 28th March I suppose you saw Bph. [sic] Purcells notice of your abjuration as noticed in the churchman - have you written to Bph. Purcell? he has been very kind, this is the third letter I have written to you - I should like to know if you received my last as I sent it by Charles - thoughtlessly - I shall [sic] want to hear a great deal about Paris - I hope you stayed a week or ten days there or more - you see how cheerfully I write to you

[Though this letter seems to be unfinished, there is nothing more on the Photostat]