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JMJ

My dr Mrs. Dashwood

It will be quite convenient for us to receive Mona at the time you name – the 15 or 20th of July. Of course it must be always expensive to support a large family, but no doubt it will prove less costly to have Mona in the Convent at £50 pr. an than to have her at home. Her dress alone would cost this sum in the world.

We shall however consider it to be arranged as you propose £50 pr. an during her Noviciate & £30 later. We should presume however that she wd probably inherit some legacies that cd form a dower for her in after life to provide for illness &c &c which we are bound to have secured conscientiously in order to fulfil our duty to all.

Your communication shall be considered as quite private & I hope you will not hesitate in making any further enquiries you wish. I really cd not form my opinion regarding dr Mona's vocation until I see & know something of her present state of mind beyond that wh. is contained in a letter.

I am my dr Mrs. Dashwood

Yours very faithfully in JC.

C. C.