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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES – ROME

[copied from Letter Book 1.

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Letter 30, page 28]

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J.M.J.

My dear Sir

I send you the remainder of the corrected copy:-

Yes- Miss Bowles knew of the terms arranged for the books & I had advanced the money on account of it before she left Liverpool- but this is of no consequence as you have not paid me for it. All I wish is that you should pay her the £12 per thousand that you had agreed upon with me – and that you allow her to carry out her wishes in finishing the Book. I am

My dear Sir

Yours in J.C.

C [ornelia ] C [onnelly]

All Souls

S<sup>t</sup> Leonards

Novr. 20<sup>th</sup> [1857]

[ 1851 ? ]

Messrs. Alderton & Shrewsbury

Gentlemen,

I write regarding your bill for the Kitchen range, without prejudice, to say that I cannot consent to the large amount charged for the removal of the range. Your estimate was already a very high one, being more than £ 22. 8. 6. beyond the usual price for such a stove together with its appurtenances.

Certainly you were bound to make the stove answer its purpose, which it did not do, & in consequence we were obliged to build a kitchen expressly for the stove to secure a proper current of air. Now I am quite willing as a gratuity to share the expense of removal with you, & to pay fifteen pounds on the £29. 6. 7 ( ! ) charged on this account. And I consider this to be a very liberal allowance. On having your answer I shall act accordingly –

I remain gentlemen Yrs in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

P.S. Besides the £4.15.1 belonging to the estimate which you are willing to cut off there is a charge of £6.4.6 for fresh making the Hot closet. There must be some mistake there also.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES- MAYFIELD.

[ Book M.2.]

[To Mr. Arnold]

The Convent

St. Leonard's-on-Sea

Oct.14<sup>th</sup> 1869.

J.M.J.

My dear Sir,

Mr Hodgson gave me a receipt for the last payment on the contract and for the organ gallery- as the payment on the Contract is fulfilled. I cannot understand on what ground he can possibly claim anything beyond extras, & these must be extras ordered by the employers, and also ordered in writing. I certainly had no dispute during the time of the building or the carrying out of the plans, & I was not even consulted about the Arches, nor did I know that the mouldings had been altered till I heard Mr. Pugin say so after they were finished. It was only when the Church was nearly ready for the opening that Mr. Hodgson made other demands. I do not think we could with any prudence consent to arbitration on a Contract already paid - and finished. The only question seems to me to be the extras ordered, as I before said I am ready to pay all I ordered - Mr. Pugin certainly would not be a proper arbiter in his own case! Whatever I am obliged to pay through Mr. Pugin being my agent with Mr. Hodgson of course I must submit to your judgement. Mr. Pugin is either in partnership with Mr. Hogson or connected with him in the speculation of Buildings lately erected in Ramsgate, so that a mutual interest could hardly be a fair arbitration even if the difficulty concerned the Contract, which does not seem to me to be the case. I take this occasion to say that we are much pleased with your dear children of whom the Sisters in general report most favourably & also to congratulate you on the approaching marriage of your daughter.

With kind regards to Mrs. Arnold

I remain yrs very faithfully in J.C.

C.Connelly.

P.S. I shall

probably leave England in a few weeks for the winter, and I should like to have this matter of extras settled before going, without incurring the expense of a law suit. The Local Superior & the Prefects of the school will of course have a Mother's care over your dear children.

Copy of a letter written by Our Mother to Mr Arnold.

May 6. 1871

Private and Confidential

Dear Mr. Arnold,

One of our Novices, a Miss Florence Colegrave, the only daughter of the youngest Son of old Mr. Colegrave who died at Brighton in the Spring or Summer of 1868 has been left by her Grandfather totally dependent upon her Uncle William Colegrave of 35 Manchester St. Manchester Square. Miss Florence Colegrave's brother was provided for in his Grandfather's will & at the death of the Grandmother, he was to receive £ 2000., in the meanwhile he was to have a pension. Miss Colegrave is not yet of age. In August she will attain her 21<sup>st</sup> year. She has heard of the death of this only brother who died two days after his arrival in India! And she is informed at the same time by her Uncle William Colegrave that the £2000 left to her brother is wholly under his control. Strange to say Mr. W. Colegrave had the whole control of his aged father & both the other brothers seem to have been cut off from their claims upon their father. The eldest Son John Manby Colegrave received only the entailed estate & Florence & her brother ought to have come in for their full share due to their late Father, but they appear to have been cut off from their dues. I write now to ask you in the strictest confidence to send some trustworthy person to read the Will of Old Mr. Colegrave in Doctors Com. & to let me know what claims Miss Colegrave [has] either for herself, or through the death of her brother Frank. Her own opinion is that she can claim the £2000 left to her brother even though she may be wholly unprovided for by the Grandfather himself. She is assured by her Uncle that she shall have a pension of £30 pr an. and £1000 at his own death, but not before if she perseveres in the religious state. And she is to let him know the result of her decision

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by Midsummer. I need not repeat that she would wish the matter to be strictly private, as you will quite understand the necessity of extreme delicacy on this point.

Your darling children are quite well. I saw them, & was at their Monthly Ex. yesterday.

Yours ever faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

Mr. William Colegrave told Florence that when he saw her brother Frank before starting for India, he quite forgot to tell him he could make his Will ! His sister Florence did not know that he had gone to India !

Copy of a Letter to Mr. Arnold. ( dated)

The Convent St L-on Sea.

Sept. 24. 1872

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J.M.J.

Dear Mr Arnold

Pray do nothing till I can see Mr. Stoner – It would be most unwise to put ourselves under the power of the Commissioners in both places! They have never troubled us hitherto & Mr.Stoner arranged the loan for the Church so as to give us no trouble on the score of their interference.

Pray say nothing to Mr. Goldie about the Certificate. We can pay the first call for £500 & I think some of our friends would help us with a second, & by this time Mr. Stoner will be at home & we can see & explain the matter to him. I understood that when the Deed for Mayfield was drawn up that in case of Miss Brydges' health failing, we had to secure another member of the Community to take her place, in order to avoid the Succession tax, and to secure the Community always by one member holding the property, and that by this, we could not fall into the power of the Commissioners or of the Crown! – Thus I cannot pretend to see how by her life we could lose our right to the property, or that the Security should not be good. You will, by your charity, excuse my stupidity, and await patiently any further steps. Patience is a great virtue & very necessary to me in particular just now.

Ever yours faithfully in J.C.

C .C.

1872

Copy Letter from Our Mother to M<sup>r</sup> Arnold  
Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1872

Dear M<sup>r</sup> Arnold -

I enclose the policy as you direct- but would it not be better to exchange the owner of the property to one of younger age. M<sup>r</sup> Stoner told me that in case of Miss Brydges falling into ill health or danger of death we ought to put in another name. It seems to me that a person who has nearly arrived at the age of 60 years would have to pay an enormous premium annually to ensure even the sum of £2500. This would simply sink the money, for we should wish to pay back the £2500 to M<sup>rs</sup> Parker by Instalments of £500 & not hold on to the life Insurance. If M<sup>rs</sup> Parker would be safe in taking a debt of honour at 7 p<sup>r</sup> ct it would suit us much better than this life Insurance and she would be as safe with the Community and the Bishop as any Bank. The Insurance would sink much more than 7 p<sup>r</sup> ct . Many thanks for all your care & trouble & I will only add that I am ever

Yours gratefully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

The Convent &c &c –

May Our Lady Queen of Angels ever protect you!

Letter written by Our Mother to Mr. Banks Preston on acc<sup>t</sup>  
of the proposed Convent at Layton – Blackpool.

Novr 24<sup>th</sup> [1868]

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J.M.J.

My dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst & in reply to say that the highest sum we can consent to M. Gertrude's borrowing from the building Club inclusive of the Architect's Commission 5 pr ct – the building Club premium & all other extras must be within £3000. As this sum is the very extent of our limit, the only course to take is, either to reduce a portion of the School wing ( to be added at a future time) or to renounce the work. I will write to M. Gertrude by this post & will now only return my thanks for yr kind & prudent advice on this matter.

I remain my dr Sir

Yours very faithfully in J.C.

C.C.

P.S. I ought to say that I think the premium enormous of £100 for £1000. I was offered last year money at 4 & 4 ½ with a premium of £50 which was thought too high; and we now have £500 from the Fire Insurance Office at 5 pr ct , but we are allowed thirty years to pay back the Capital which is a great convenience.

C.C.

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March 6. 1871

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J M J

Dear Mr Banks

I have sent your address to Mr Buckle's lawyers in order that you may treat with them regarding the transfer of £1800 for which we must give security for the payment of 4 pr ct interest during the lives of Mr Buckle and his wife. I should wish the security to be given for the payment of Interest by [sic] in the names of those four sisters holding the Blackpool property, which I also shall be ready to sign. The £1800 I ~~shoud~~ [sic] wish to invest there in this manner. £1000 to pay back the £1000 I sent for the purchase of the Land, & £800 to pay off the portion of the £1500 which is paid annually by Instalments of which I think Mother Gertrude has only paid £100, ~~which~~ [sic] and this with the £800 I now propose will leave ~~her~~ [sic] a debt of £600 still to be paid annually at 5 pr ct. This will somewhat lesson [sic] the heavy burden & responsibility of these Instalments & also lessen the Interest ~~which she will have to pay.~~ [sic] from 4 to 5 pr.ct. ~~I require the £1000 here, otherwise I should be glad to clear off the whole debt requiring annual payments besides the Interest. I will send a copy~~ [sic] I will send a copy of this letter to Mth G., though I have already partly explained to her what I ~~intend~~ [sic] propose by this transfer.

I remain my dear Sir

Yours very truly in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

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Letter 13, page 11

Copy of 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to Mr. Banks

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1871

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J.M.J.

My dear Sir,

I thought I had explained to you that the money to be received is not as a Loan but as the fortune of Mr. Buckle's daughter entrusted to us to be invested for the benefit of the Society, subject to the payment of the interest thereon to Mr. & Mrs. Buckle during their joint lives - & also to the survivor during life. The property is simply to be charged so as to secure the payment of the Interest only on £1800. It would be well to inform your Client who lent the £1500 ( as soon as you have been informed by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Whitcomb Sol<sup>rs</sup> of the payment being arranged) that we wish to pay off £800 leaving the remainder at 5 p<sup>r</sup> ct interest, until we can pay it in the same manner, or until annually due eight years hence. This will relieve M<sup>th</sup> Gertrude of the burden of £100 p<sup>r</sup> an - & she will thus be enabled to pay the Interest money without difficulty.

I remain My dear Sir

Yours very faithfully in J C

C.C.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

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J M J

Dear Mr Banks

It will probably be at least a fortnight before Mother Angelica ( Annie Croft ) will be able to return to St Leonards  
You will know whether it will be necessary for her to be here or whether you may visit Mayfield for the business to be transacted there after the matter is concluded here. She has been too ill to attend to any business whatever since Easter.

I remain

My dear Sir

Yrs very sincerely

in J C.

Cornelia Connelly

Sup Genl

The Convent

June 1st. 1877.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME [copied from the Original]

The Convent

St Leonards on Sea

June 27<sup>th</sup> '77

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JMJ

Dear Mr Banks

I enclose Mrs Bulfin's letter that you may know what Mr Bulfin proposed. I answered declining the proposal as Miss Bulfin thinks it is highly desirable that matters should be brought forth, & settled for herself as well as for the rest of the family. She thinks that Mr Julian has some undue power over her Uncle Bulfin.

Mrs Eustace seems also very much influenced even against her own claims & interest by the power that is in Mr Bulfin's hands, under Mr Julian.

I recd by the midday post the Document for the Executrix's [sic] & as we expect Miss "Annie Croft" to be here on Friday or Saturday it will be then attended to as you direct.

I hope to be able to go to Preston on Monday next and there I will bring any letters I may possess that you desire to have.

I remain

My dear Sir

Yrs very truly in J c.

Cornelia Connelly

Sup Genl.

My dear Sergeant Bellasis

I inclose the receipt etc. etc. With regard to any unfavorable report being made respecting the School, I have only to say that the daily Instructions have been regularly given to the Children & if our sisters are to be reported upon unfavorably we shall henceforth be obliged to rely upon the Priest alone for the most important part of their knowledge and confine ourselves simply to what belongs to us to fulfil as Religious.

When an Examination is made we presume that it is done for the advantage of the School & for the encouragement of the poor children and ought to be considered as a private matter between the Examiner & his Bishop , who would of course remedy any evil ( if it existed) either with the Priest who gives the Instructions , or with the Religious who assist in ~~the~~ [sic] instructing the children. I do not think that either Mr. Garside or our Sisters have failed in their duty, but rather that the Examiner was not kind in his manner on this occasion. etc. etc

[Cornelia Connelly]

All Souls. December 29<sup>th</sup>. [1857]

For Mth. Teresa

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

[copied from original]

The Convent

St. Leonards-on Sea

[ March 12 1861]

J.M.J.

My dear Sergeant Bellasis,

I should have written to you yesterday but I was totally unfitted for my duties by this terrific cold, unfortunately + [ sic] increased by getting over heated in the chapel, and now I have to apologise for leaving your valued letter unanswered by a single post.

What can I say to you to prove to you how much I esteem the course you have pursued with your darling child ? - I know not, but you quite understand all that I should express and intensely value. This is the beginning, and you will have your satisfaction in the end - Dear Mary writes to me to-day, telling me of the success of the novena to St Francis Xavier for her dear Mama's consent to her future state - How wonderful, that it should at last come! And now I trust the clouds may disappear and that the sunshine of so sweet and holy a calling may bring a joy that will sweeten every other cross. I wish I were by the side of dear Mrs Bellasis to contrast the picture of d<sup>r</sup> Mary in religion & Mary in married life, and this we most [sic] hope to do in future days really not solely by imagination.

Pray wish her all Easter joy for me and tell her that I

hope all future Easters may be more & more full, through her  
darling Marys happiness and by her prayers.

I will only add, that I am

My dear Sergeant Bellasis

Yrs ever faithfully in JC.

Cornelia Connelly

Many thanks for the cheque.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME

The Convent

St Leonards on Sea

July 2nd [1861]

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J.M.J.

My dear Serg<sup>t</sup> Bellasis,

Your dear children are quite safe and I have left them  
a moment to tell you this.

I find dr Mary looking very thin & pale, much more so  
than I expected, but the fresh air no doubt will quite  
restore her –

Kattie has just sent to ask me to tell you that she  
will leave here tomorrow at 5½ P. M. with Clara. I am  
very glad that she has come to this determination as I  
am quite sure that Clara is not equal to any mental fatigue  
just at this time, and that she would only fret Mary &  
Cicie.

With many heartfelt messages to dr Mrs Bellasis

I am

My dr Serg<sup>t</sup> Bellasis

Yrs very faithfully in JC.

Cornelia Connelly.

The Convent

S<sup>t</sup> Leonards on Sea

Sep 7<sup>th</sup> / 68

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JMJ

My dear Serg<sup>t</sup> Bellasis

Your letter containing the pleasing intelligence of your decision regarding your dear daughter Cecilia's vocation was forwarded to me here on Saturday.

Most sincerely do I congratulate you on the great blessing of having a second dear child devoted to our Lord in religion and I need hardly say that I am perfectly satisfied that the course you and her dear Mother have pursued has been most prudent and generous.

I quite understand the anxiety that may arise on the point of health, but probably the very fact of being settled in her vocation may be the best restoration & this may soon be proved during the postulate before taking any further step.

We shall be most happy to receive d<sup>r</sup> Cicie in October & perhaps you will allow her to come to us a few days before the retreat actually begins, as she will have much to think & talk a<sup>bt</sup> in leaving you & thus she will have time to prepare herself gradually to enter upon her retreat.

And now I must beg you to accept our very grateful thanks for your kind expressions which we most deeply reciprocate thanking you for the many kindnesses we have received from your most dear & highly estimable family and above all for the treasures you have resigned to our charge & to our Community, where I trust they may ever secure true happiness in this life, and an unending joy for all eternity-

I am my dearest Serg<sup>t</sup>

Yrs faithfully & gratefully

in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES Mayfield [ copied from MS pencil copy]

Copy of a letter written by Our Mother to Serg<sup>t</sup> Bellasis

Dated Jan<sup>y</sup> 28 1872

My dear Sergeant-

Your valued letter has just been received & I hasten to thank you for it most sincerely & also for its enclosure I will go up to S<sup>t</sup> Anne's at once but I have no hope of doing anything more because I am quite sure the fault does not lie with the Sisters. They are most devoted to their duties & unsparing of themselves in their fervour & anxiety for the welfare of the children under their care

I am grieved that you & d<sup>r</sup> Sister Marie S<sup>t</sup> Philippe sh<sup>d</sup> be tormented by such representations. The grievances are on the side of the Sisters, whose children are bought over to the Ogle St Schools by clothes etc which are provided by Lady W, ( our Convent at St Leonards, who devotes herself to M<sup>r</sup> C's Schools) The petty jealousies & miseries that go on are wearisome to relate & no doubt M<sup>r</sup> Canty has been annoyed by another being placed at S<sup>t</sup> Anne's to say the S<sup>n</sup> Mass & to receive the small emolument. Ah! How good is God in bearing his poor creatures who spoil the work they ought to carry forward! If there is anything you have to suggest do so. I am so sorry you are suffering from y<sup>r</sup> eye. Perhaps the meat at H. is not so juicy & nourishing as you ought to have. I am sure that you require gr<sup>t</sup> care in this respect. It is like y<sup>r</sup> usual charity to tell me of S<sup>t</sup> Monica's goodness. Let us thank G. Give her my love & tell her we are looking forward to her return with pleasure. Wd you give my love to dear M<sup>rs</sup> B & to my "gem" Clara. I do not know whether you w<sup>d</sup> allow me to use Miss W's letter

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with the Archbishop or whether it would be wise to do so- His heart is on getting the mission & we ought not to wish to stand in his way or to take any part in the matter & we do not- Would you let C send me a line on this point from your dictation to S<sup>t</sup> A's by return of post? M.M. Francis was here during New Years week & she is looking very well- S<sup>r</sup> S<sup>t</sup> A is also well & both full of holy joy +

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME [ copied from Letter Book IV

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Letter from Our Mother to Sergeant Bellasis ( dated )

The Convent

Mayfield. Hawkhurst

Sussex.

July 30<sup>th</sup> [ 1872 ]

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J.M.J.

My dear Sergt -

I wish very much to see you & if you do not think of coming to see your darlings at St Leonards, I must go to London to meet you. There are a few points necessary to consider over & to discuss together.

1st Your former proposal to sell out at S. Anne's & to remove the charity to another locality seems most desirable at present if not absolutely necessary.

2ndly The Notre Dame SS have declined taking the London Training School. We therefore wish to take the work. ( And we could find a proper staff to effect thoroughly the work we should undertake) – and to connect it with a practising School such as Miss White's charity embraces.

3rdly . In order to meet our second point, we should unite our Community now at the Culvers with the Staff proposed for the Training School- And I have no doubt the Archbishop would readily assent to the removal as the Training School is a much more important work.

4thly . If the above points can be settled, we should then depend upon the Archbishop & the Poor School Committee for the assistance & encouragement necessary to secure the work & to complete it. I fear there is a party against good Mr Allies

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saying " he makes himself the Committee"; and I do not like to mention the subject to him.

5thly . Should all these points come to a favourable conclusion then we might if possible purchase a leasehold property ( since we have not the funds for a freehold) near London. Moreover it would more readily meet your funds on the lease-hold of St Anne's.

6thly The practising School ought to be in the neighbourhood of some Mission where the interests of the Training School & Practising School could be easily secured by reciprocal advantages, & the locality within reach of the underground railway to meet the London Schools.

You will see my dear Sergt that some thought is required on all these points, & that the present time is of some consequence for action as our lease at the Culvers ends in Sepr. 1873. Will you put on your considering Cap and then let me know when I can see you? I need not ask you whether you are pleased with dr Monica, as I am sure that you have every reason to be more than satisfied with her, & her paintings & music &c &c. I hope dr Richard is quite himself again, & that you are all in the enjoyment of our good God's sweetest blessings. I am ever my dr Sergt

Yours faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

M. Mary Francis & Sr St Aloysius are at St Leonards at present

To day is dear little Henry's feast- pray wish him our dr

Lord's choicest blessings & graces from us all.

[May 1850]

[ Draft letter to Sir George Bowyer, presumably]

I do not understand from him Mr. Capes what difficulty

there c<sup>d</sup> as be to in the ~~choosing~~ Council I wish to obtain

in my cause. & ~~doubtless you~~ as perhaps no doubt heard

~~from~~ acquainted you with ~~him.~~

Since ~~I am informed~~ in appeals before Privy Council ( as I

have been informed ). the choice is the whole Bar of

England. & I must express to you as well as to Mx M<sup>r</sup>.

Capes my dearest wish that Sir Fits [ ?] be retained.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ( ROME )

[ from copy-press duplicate  
of original ]

My dear Mr Buckle

I have to thank you for your letter received yesterday-  
The former one would have required a much longer answer  
than I could enter upon during lent.

The pension of our young ladies school is £ 50 per  
an. and this includes all extras:- but if Masters are  
required by the parents for Music or any other branch  
there would be an extra charge. We do not intend lowering  
the pension for this school as we have done in some  
instances: but if the parents cannot meet the terms there  
is always a resource in the middle school.

I must write to Mrs Buckle by this post & I will  
only add that

I am

Yrs very faithfully in J.C.

C.Connelly

Sup.

All Souls

St Leonards

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> [1856]

P.S. You will be pleased to hear that our Training  
School here has been acknowledged by Gov.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES- ROME

[Letter Book 1.

Letter 67, page 68]

[July 28<sup>th</sup> 1859 ]

The Revd. M. Superior informs Mr. Clark that if he is unwilling to supply the school cistern with water on the same terms as he supplies the Presbytery- that is at £3 pr.an;- he will please to cut off the pipes immediately. Mr. Clark perhaps forgets that the cistern is half supplied by the rain water which is introduced from the roof of the School.

The Convent St. Leonards-on-Sea

July 28<sup>th</sup> 1859

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - ROME

[copied from Letter Book 1.

Letter 9, page 11]

For

Messrs Cornford, Black & Freeman.

Sir

Our impression is that Made. Jacob is a creditor  
of the Bank and if ~~this~~<sup>[sic]</sup> either should not be so we shall do  
~~our~~<sup>[sic]</sup> towards her what is right and just, having legal advice  
before acting in the matter.

I am

Gent-

Yrs etc. etc.

Cornelia Conelly

[C.C.'s hand ]

[July 29th 1856 ]

Dear Mr. Eyston

I quite agree with your proposal to allow Mr. Bowles to get a judgment if he wishes.

Miss Woolly & Miss Orr own no property nor are their names in any community property.

I am sorry to have to give any opinion regarding Rupert House. It ought to bring the full rent, but as Mr. Bowles would be at much loss by not letting it, it perhaps would be better to take what he can get for it. He has possessions & I should think ought to judge what would be best for his own interest.

You will no doubt give such advice as we should prefer to our own.

I am , my dear Sir,

Yrs truly in J.C.

C. Connelly

All Souls

St. Leonards, July 29<sup>th</sup>

1856\*

\* year added in pencil.

Copy of a letter to G.B. Eyston Esq.

[ In C. C.' s hand]

[ Oct . 31 . 1856]

My dear Sir

If you see no objection I should wish you to write to M<sup>r</sup> Bowles & to state that it is necessary to dispose of the Rupert House property as soon after Xmas as possible, as we are not able to meet the interest money a second year.

Would it not be well to state also, that in agreeing to pay the interest money for one year on the Mortgage, our Community did so for the security of M<sup>r</sup> Bowles & his Sister on the bond of £ 5000, which you, no doubt, remember was taken without the consent or approbation or knowledge of any member of our Community.

The names in which the Deed stands, must be backed by our Community you said, but this could only be done by some gradual payments, which would be settled when M<sup>r</sup>. Bowles realizes the amount of the sale of his brothers claim by the Bond of £ 300 &c –

We have no funds that we could touch at present, but we could pay the interest on any debt remaining after the sale, until the principal be paid off.

Perhaps you may think it well to state what you would advise in winding up this unfortunate affair.

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I wish to say to you privately, that altho' we palliate the act of M<sup>r</sup> Bowles in signing the Bond with his Sister, without even asking my consent, or that of any member of our Community, we cannot but feel that it has drawn upon us an unjust & an unprincipled claim that we shall labour perhaps for years before being able perfectly to liquidate. Had M<sup>r</sup> Bowles been a Catholic he would, no doubt, have understood this. His private act with his Sister ought not to have involved our Community.

I hope M<sup>rs</sup>.Byston & the little ones are quite well - pray remember me to them with many wishes of joy with all the Saints tomorrow.

I am

My dear Sir

Yours faithfully

in J.C.

To G.B. Byston Esq<sup>r</sup>

All Souls

S<sup>t</sup> Leonards

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> [1856]

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES – ROME.

[Letter Book 1.

Copy

Letter 2, page 5.]

Sursum Corda[Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1856 ]

My dear Sir [ G. B. Eyston ]

If you have no objection I should wish you to write to Mr. Bowles and to state that it is necessary to dispose of the Rupert House property as soon after Christmas as possible, as we are not able to meet the interest money a second year. Would it not be well to state also that in agreeing to pay the interest money for one year on the Mortgage, our Community did so for the security of Mr. Bowles and his Sister on the Bond of £ 5000 which you no doubt remember was taken without the consent, or approbation, or knowledge of any member of our Community.

The names in which the Deed stands must be backed by our Community you said, but this could only be done by some gradual payments which would be settled when Mr. Bowles realises the amount of the Sale & of his brother's by the Bond of £ 1300 &c &c.

We have no funds that we could touch at present, but we could pay the interest on any debt remaining after the sale, until the principal be paid off. Perhaps you may think it well to state what you would advise in winding up this unfortunate affair.

I wish to say to you privately, that although we palliate the act of Mr. Bowles in signing the Bond with his Sister without even asking my consent or that of any member of our Community, we cannot but feel that it has drawn upon us an unjust and an unprincipled claim that we shall labour perhaps for years before being able perfectly to liquidate.

Had Mr. Bowles been a Catholic, he would no doubt have understood this. His private act with his Sister ought not to have involved our Community.

I hope Mrs. Eyston & the little ones are quite well. Pray remember me to them with many wishes of joy with all the Saints tomorrow.

I am my dear Sir

Yours faithfully in J.C.

C [ornelia] C[onnelly

All Souls Convent

St. Leonards

Oct.31<sup>st</sup>. 1856

J.M.J.

My dear Mr. Eyston

I am totally ignorant of anyone having signed the Bond of £ 5000 except Miss Bowles & her brother. Miss Bowles stated to me in the presence of several others, that she & her brother John alone had signed it.

If this statement is not correct, I should wish to know the names signed. I shall be in London tomorrow & could see you if convenient to yourself any time between 6 & 8 p.m. No. 5 . Bentinck St. M.S. I am on my way to Preston, where you will have the kindness to address your letters if you think proper to write next week. The week following I could again see you in London.

I am my dr. Sir, &c &c.

All Souls

St. Leonard's

November 16<sup>th</sup> 1856

Private.

Miss Bowless no longer belongs to our Community. She is, I presume taking steps to join the Sisters of Notre Dame who are in Liverpool.

[6th] May 1857.

Mr. Eyston

Rewritten not quite the same.

My dear Sir,

I have taken some few days to reflect upon the contents of your last kind letter. You no doubt understand that future monies devoted to our work are of necessity to be appropriated to the purpose intended by the owner of the same, and not to the liquidation of debts contracted by individual imprudence. We have no funds in our power & if we consent to the sale of Rupert House at £ 5000, it seems to imply that we take the debt of £ 1300 without having the means to meet it. If nothing can be done with the property to secure the whole debt, the only way we could meet it would be by gradual payments, such as might be paid out of our yearly receipts. I should not consider this a just burden upon ourselves, but if nothing else can be done, we must submit to it. I hope you are quite well and enjoying this beautiful weather. I am my dear Sir

&c &c.

C [ornelia] C [ onnelly].

All Souls, St. Leonards. May 6th 1857.



S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES , ROME.

[Letter Book 1.

Letter 19, Page 17-18]

J.M.J.

My dear Mr. Eyston

Will you have the kindness to write an answer that would be proper to send to Mr. Kaye regarding the inclosed letter from him?

The three ladies named have nothing to do with Miss Bowles & if Mr. Kaye will make out a Bill for services rendered to them separately, they will be very ready to pay for them. In reply to your letter inclosing the one from Mr. Baynes I can only say that our Community, as you well know, had nothing to do with the purchase of Rupert House - nor with the Note of £ 5000 which completed its purchase, & after the kindness & friendly spirit shewn by us in allowing the security to be given on this sum by a Mortgage exclusive of our own security on the bond or note of £1300 which was the first payment made - I say I think the proposal unjust and absurd. It is not true that Mr. Bowles lent the money for the advantage of the Community. The very fact that the Community knew nothing of the purchase, and disapproved of it when made would refute the possibility of any advantage. Moreover Mr. Bowles's own words in a letter written to his Sister wherein he hoped she was backed by the Community - & again to others when he acknowledged that he had been misled by his affection for his Sister - and again by Mr. Thomas Bowles expressing the same opinion when on a visit to his Sister in Liverpool, all refute the possibility of Mr. Bowles looking to the Community with any affection, or of his having lent the money to any other than his Sister, and solely as his Sister. He certainly witnessed that no other hand signed the note of £5000 but his Sister's & he must at least now be able to come to some conclusive opinion of this transaction. You will of course answer the letter as you think proper, but

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we have offered the utmost that we can hope to accomplish & even this we shall have to borrow & trust to the Providence of God to pay off gradually from our yearly receipts.

I am very sorry to hear of Mrs. Eyston's illness. Sulphur has been highly recommended as a cure for Rheumatism - taken internally & externally. I hope she may soon be better & not suffer from the effects of her disease but she will require great care. I hope your little ones are doing well. I have not heard of the person you speak of, but I handed your letter to Mr. Butt.

I remain, my dear Sir

Yours very truly in J.C.,

C [ornelia] C [onnelly]

All Souls St. Leonards on Sea

Sept. 13th [1857]

Letter 23, page 33. ]

[Oct 2nd , 1857

J.M.J.

My dear Mr Eyston

If our Bishop will take the responsibility of the sum you propose together with the £ 1300, we must meet the interest and liquidate the debt as His Lordship may direct; but we cannot promise what we do not believe we shall be able to accomplish. If we are to become bankrupt, why not let it happen now rather than await useless efforts to avert it? I, at this moment, know no more than you do, where or how we are to get the £ 1300 offered. I cannot apply to Mr. Towneley for assistance as the buildings, by the last payment, will have consumed all that he thought prudent to advance and unless Dr. Grant will assist by authorizing a loan for the amount of £1300, we shall fail even in this sum- and this would be very wrong, after making the offer. We must not forget that we have no prospect of paying the sum proposed, & if we were to agree to it under false hopes, and afterwards fail, and then be brought into Court, we should be in a much worse position than if we had not acknowledged the debt, as under these circumstances the Court could only view our last agreement. If Miss Bowles incites her brothers to bring a suit in Chancery it would bring facts to light which are now glossed over, and no jury could bring forth payment when there is no property to produce it. When the facts are known, our innocence will be proved. I hope Mrs. Eyston is better. The weather here is quite like midsummer. I am My dear Sir

Yours faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

All Souls

St. Leonards

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 2nd 1857.

Letter 24, page 23. ]

All Souls St. Leonards

Oct. 3rd 1857

My dear Mr. Eyston -

I send you a copy of the security I acted upon in allowing a bond for £ 1300 to be signed by our Sisters. You will also remember that Miss Bowles received the proceeds of £100 sold through your negociation, which was the only resource she had in paying her debts for the Rupert House repairs. We were certainly not so obtuse or unprincipled as to allow the Bond to be signed without funds to meet it in one shape or another. I explained this to you when it happened to be discussed, but as some scandal might happen on the supposition that we had allowed names that were good for nothing, & without the intention of paying, I think it better that you should have a copy of the security we acted upon.

I am

Yours very truly in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

P.S. Will you have the kindness to draw out a Will for two of our Sisters ? - Miss Annie Laprimaudaye – Miss Fanny Bridges – any leisure moment will do for this ( before we raise £1300 ) I hope Mrs. Eyston is improving.

[Oct<sup>r</sup> . 25. 1857 ]

Copy

My dear Mr. Eyston,

I am anxious to know whether the Nuns of the Good Shepherd have come to any decision or whether they are obliged to decline the purchase. I have a letter from Bp. Grant and he wishes me to make the offer I before suggested - that is to take the responsibility of the regular payment of the whole of the interest money on the debt and to take Rupert House and either get through the debt upon it and establish the convent firmly or sell it when the time comes that we can do so without loss to any- one. I am willing to do so tho' we should much rather that the Good Shepherd nuns decide to take it at even £5000.

If there is no hope of the sale please to write as soon as possible & say so, as the Bishop is unnecessarily fretted by any delay. I think in case there is no hope that it would be better for you to make this offer however vexatious & inconvenient to us at present & good may come of it by the suffering it causes. This offer should include the interest on Mr. S. Bowles' money as well as that of Mr. J. Bowles. If you see any better way of closing this miserable affair pray say so.

I am

My dear Mr.Eyston

Yours faithfully in J.C.

C [ornelia ] C [onnely ]

All Souls

St. Leonards

Oct<sup>r</sup> 25. 1857.

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - ROME.

[Letter Book 1.

Letter 27, page 26. ]

Copy

1857.

Novr. 3.

My dear Mr. Eyston

It will be impossible for us to meet the last proposal and it is not a question of what is, or will be best, but what is possible. The offer I made we have a fair chance of fulfilling, therefore if the Good Shepherd cannot be induced to purchase at £ 5000, I think we had better take the House, and promise the interest money at 4 pr. ct. according to Mr. Bowles agreement for the Mortgage if paid regularly, which we should oblige ourselves to do if we take it.

I am

My dear Sir

Yours faithfully in J.C

C. Connelly.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN ARCHIVES. [copied from Photostat]

from C. C.

[ copy of letter ^ apparently sent to Bishop

Grant by Mr. Eyston]

All Souls

St Leonards on Sea

3 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1857

My dear Mr Eyston,

It will be impossible for us to meet your last proposal -  
This is not a question of what is or may be the best but  
what is possible for us to do

The offer I proposed we have a fair chance of fulfilling  
therefore if the Good Shepherd Nuns cannot be induced to pur -  
chase at £ 5000 I think we had better take the House and promise  
the whole of the interest money at £4 per cent ( not 5 )  
according to Mr Bowles first agreement for the mortgage-

This we should oblige ourselves to pay regularly if  
we make the offer.

I am

my dear Sir

Yours faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

March 1858 Copy of the answer, dated

March 7

J.M.J.

My dear Mr. Eyston

I have consulted our Communnity regarding the inclosed proposal to which we have decided to give our consent provided Dr. Grant approves it.

I have no knowledge whatever regarding the items of Mr. Allan Kaye's bill, nor was I aware of any business transactions therein stated with the exception of a Mr. Higginson's property, when Mr. Kaye was applied to with my knowledge solely to know the value of it, but I knew of Miss Bowles enquiries regarding all of the houses mentioned in this bill. I should like to keep this memorial as an example against recklessness - will you let me have it again when all matters are settled?

I am

My dear Sir

Yours very truly in J.C.

C [ornelia ] C [onnelly ]

All Souls

St. Leonards on Sea

March 7<sup>th</sup> [1858]

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - ROME

[Letter Book 1

Letter 39, page 38 ]

March 1858

The Answer

All Souls

[ to letter from

S<sup>t</sup> Leonards-on-Sea

Mr.Byston 23.3.1858]

March 24<sup>th</sup> [1858]

My dear Sir [ Mr. Eyston ]

I beg to acknowledge your letter received this morning, and in reply to say that we are willing if you advise it to pay M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Bowles by annual Instalments of £ 150, or half of this sum every six months, giving a promissory note to this effect if necessary.

The Interest money on these two Sums would amount to about £80 pr An – and we could not well exceed the £200 per annum, as I first stated.

2. We cannot raise the £1000 to pay M<sup>r</sup> J. Bowles, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Bowles and M<sup>r</sup> Kaye, but if you raise it, we could give security on the Buildings erected here by the Community, if the Trustees are willing to grant it.

Will you have the kindness to consult D<sup>r</sup> Grant and M<sup>r</sup> Towneley on this point ?

I am my dear Sir

Yours very truly in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.





To Mr. Eyston April 13<sup>th</sup> 1857 [sic]

[1858]

My dear Sir

I inclose you a list sent to me by D<sup>r</sup> Grant as extracts from your letter to Miss B [owles]. I do not understand it nor do I wish to know whether she really received these sums or not, as she disposed of them to suit her own views and not those of our Community, and I know your opinion regarding her transactions. The Bishop says that "She cannot promise to withdraw her separate claim until her brother is guaranteed from loss"

I did not know that she had any claim upon us & I think we are very great losers on her account. She has an annuity of £ 40 from her Mother & she is so far provided for, that there could be no moral claim upon us on this point.

Will you let me know your opinion and say whether you do not think it necessary that Miss B should be included in the winding up of this miserable affair ?

I am

My d<sup>r</sup> Sir

Yours &c &c

C [ornelia] C [onnelly ]

Do not forget that Miss B came to us dowerless only paying her pension yearly until she gave £ 400 as a donation, and the £300 in 1854 without any agreement or proposal to return it.

[Enclosure mentioned in letter 43 – April 13<sup>th</sup> [1858] ]

Copy Statement Received from the Bishop Apr. 15 [ April 13 ? ]  
in Miss Bowles' writing

Extracts from M<sup>r</sup> G.B. Eyston's letter

29 December, 1856.

“ In March 1852 I received £ 1200

“ In August- 53, I received £462 3. 0

“ In Feb<sup>y</sup> 1851 a sum of £1770 14 3.

“ Consols – was transferred into the names of Mr. Buckle

“ Misses Hanson, Buckle & Woolley.

“ Prior to January 1855 £700 Stock, part of the £ 1770. 14. 3 Consols was sold out, but it was not done through me.

“ In January - 55 £1070. 14. 3. the remains of the £ 1770. 14. 3 were sold out.

“ In August 1852 I received £548 from M<sup>r</sup> Smiton account of principal & Interest due to you.

“ In May 1853 I received £ 250 on the same account.

“ The last Instalment from Mr. Smith was as you are aware, paid to your Brother Sam in discharge &c. £ 250 “ \_\_\_\_\_

( The last two instalments that is - of £250 - making £500

|               | £.    | S.    | D.           |
|---------------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Sums received | 1200. | 0.    | 0            |
|               | 462.  | 3.    | 0            |
|               | 1770. | 14.   | 3            |
|               | 500   |       |              |
|               | 250   |       |              |
|               | _____ | 250   | _____        |
|               | _____ | £4432 | __17__3.____ |

Add to this the £ 600 taken to the Convent and the total is £ 5032. 17. 3

( This sum of £600 was the remainder of money left each of us by our Grandfather, and which we possessed independently of our parents.)

[Letter 116 , page 132].

+ J.M.J.

Copy of a letter written to Mr GoldieJune 16<sup>th</sup> 1862.

My dear Sir

I promised to let you know when there should be a prospect of finishing our Church and the other buildings. We now contemplate doing so but I must first tell you we are like burnt children almost afraid to say that we want to approach the fire. I will explain why.

Since the Revd Mr Jones's death we have been dragged into three heavy payments that came to nothing. The one was a plan drawn by a Scotch architect that cost £ 80. The second was, not a plan, but simply a visit of a few hours from an architect and a builder without even a drawing which cost us £136, and the last was a plan drawn for the Bishop which cost His Lordship £75. This was drawn by Mr. Wardell and it will not suit our purpose without some alterations. You may readily imagine that I am almost afraid to seek advice after so much waste of money when we are struggling to meet the cost of the very lowest estimate that can be made for finishing so large a Church.

The Duchess of Leeds has promised to help us in a portion of the sum required, and Her Grace wishes likewise to build a wing of our Convent that she will have legally secured to her for her life as her residence, with an outlet on the road.

I cannot ask you to come down, because I am not empowered to do so, but if you are likely to be in our neighbourhood there would be a probability of your visit doing some good for us and for yourself. Whatever is done, must be through the Trustees of our property and by the D. of Leeds.

I am my dr Sir

Yours faithfully in J. C.

C. C.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES Rome.

[Copy of a letter in C.C.'s hand  
found in Letter Book 11]

The Convent

April 3<sup>rd</sup> -/67

My dear Mr Goldie [Architect]

It is very painful to me to have to inform you that the final decision of the Community is contrary to your plans. Will you have the kindness to let me know the sum for which I am indebted ~~to you~~ for your drawings, which of course will not be a loss to you.

I cannot tell you how much I feel this disappointment especially after the former one and if I could possibly have avoided it I certainly should have done so.

I am rejoiced to hear that you have so much work on hand and most sincerely hope you may realise all you desire & expect.

Believe me to remain

Very faithfully

yrs in J. C.

Cornelia Connelly.

Letter written to Mr. Goldie dated June 15, 1867.

( St. Leonards)

My dear Sir

I presume you have not seen the inclosed acct, which I now return. I am advised that the amount due to you is 2½ pr ct on the value of the work ordered. Our present Contract for the whole building including the Choir & two Sacristies amounts to £ 2965. Thus making your rightful demand a little less than £ 75 for drawings & time spent- at 2½ pr ct.

2./ I think you will remember that you applied for tenders on your own account much to my surprise & before I had seen the drawing or plan you proposed. We have never before been charged for tenders. You will doubtless remember also that I required a drawing for work that should not exceed £ 1500. I am quite willing however to propose 2½ pr ct on our present contract as full payment for all demands & will send you a cheque to this effect if you are willing.

I am, as I said before, very sorry that you should not have had the benefit of the work, but we could not sacrifice the building when other drawings were so much more satisfactory to our taste.

I remain my dr Sir

Yours very faithfully in J. C.

C. Connelly.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - ROME [Letter Book 11.]

[Letter 87 –page 97.]

Letter written by Our Mother to Mr. Goldie ( dated

Mayfield July 5<sup>th</sup> [1867].

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J.M.J.

Dear Sir

No wrong has been done you save by your own drawings.

I already told you that I should send you a cheque for the amount due to you which I understand to be 2½ pr ct on a reasonable estimate. I shall seek advice again on the subject & when I have ascertained that the sum you demand is not a gross injustice to the Community who employed you solely to do you a favour I shall close our correspondence.

I certainly did not expect so ungentlemanly a pressure on your part though your letter proves that I ought to have anticipated it.

I remain dr Sir

Yours in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

Supr.

Copy of a letter written to Mr Goldie.

April 2nd [1874]

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J.M.J.

Dear Mr Goldie,

I think I have the right to know the items for which Mr Hughes makes his charge & I beg of you to insist upon his giving them to me. I never signed but one contract & the first estimate was rejected until the second was made which was at £ 3936. 15. 8 ; of this I have paid but £3800 and not £3900. I should much <sup>more</sup> regret under paying than overpaying Mr Hughes & I beg you to insist upon his letting me have the items of all that I have ordered & am bound to pay him . Mr Hughes cannot be more anxious to have what is justly due to him than I am to fulfil my duty. I confess I cannot understand why he does not send me the items of his bills if they are due to him.

I wish to do him full justice.

I remain my dear Sir

Yrs very truly in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

G. Sup.

The Convent

St Leonards-on-Sea

April 2nd [1874]



S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - U.S.A. [copied from typed copy of the original]

Copy. Letter from Our Mother to Mr. Hirst . ( dated. 1135 Spring

Garden St., Phil. Nov 18 , 1867

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J.M.J.

Dear Mr. Hirst,

I hope to make arrangements to sail for England on the 27<sup>th</sup>Inst., and if we can make, or rather give a mortgage on the Baltimore lands for \$ 4000 I shall be very glad that it should be settled for the convenience of the community taking possession of the houses in W. Phil. I should not wish to sell at present as the land must rise in value in the course of a few years. 2ndly I saw Mr. Brady yesterday and requested him to see the Bishop and yourself regarding the sale of the Lycoming lands. Mr. Brady explained fully to me the nature of the land which seems only worth the timber and the coal, and not dividing into Farms. Still it is only about 7 miles from the railways marked on the map and surely would bring about \$10 to \$14 per acre, tho' Mr. Brady valued it \$10 at most. I forgot to mention to him that the Deed making the land over to "The Sharon Female Academy" was still un-recorded. It ought to be done without delay.

3rdly My nieces tell me that if the last will of my Sister Mrs. Montgomery is not valid that the other contradictory Wills could not stand, and that she really would be considered to have died intestate. In this case the natural heirs must claim their rights, and they would be, I presume my brothers.

1. ( Ralph W. Peacock ] John Bowen
2. The child of my brother George S. Peacock
3. My Sister Adeline Duval's children
4. Mary Peacock Religious S. Heart
5. Cornelia Connelly.

I should wish to leave you the power to act for me in this matter should there be a fair chance of success. It may be well to state that Mr. Austin Montgomery is said to have declared himself insolvent some years before his death & I am told there are persons living in Phila. who can witness to this fact. I also know that he assisted his brother John various times by loans that were not returned. When my sister married Austin Montgomery his sole fortune was \$20,000. His father Hugh Montgomery had three sons – Austin – James – and John, and the property of their father was divided equally between the three sons, except the portion due to his widow.

I was told a few days ago that \_\_\_\_\_ had left my sister \$10,000, and if this is correct it ought to go to the Montgomery family. When my sister married Austin Montgomery, her fortune was more than double his own. She inherited during her minority \$20,000 from her father and \$20,000 from her Grandmother. This money of course accumulated from the time she was under ten years of age or more, and could not have been less than from \$ 15,000 to \$20,000 at the time of her marriage. And again she never spent her income, having no children to provide for and living in a most plain and simple way that could not have consumed more than \$5,000 or \$6,000 per an. I should wish to claim my share if an intestacy is declared, & though I should finally give my children the full benefit of my share, I should still desire to keep the full power over it during my life & leave it in trust at my death, with the exception of such a portion of capital as might be of advantage to them.

These are my own ideas regarding the case, but I must see you before I leave & will now only thank you again for your services and remain

Yours very faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly--

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD . [ Copied from Original Draft]

[ Draft of a letter drawn up to be used by the Servant of God, presumably by her legal adviser. It is not known if It was sent by her or not.]

Dear Sir

Understanding from M<sup>r</sup> Pugin that you decline to point the Stone work of the Church unless I request you to do so in writing, I beg to desire that you will proceed with it accordingly-

At the same time you are not to esteem this letter as a direction in writing under the 10<sup>th</sup> paragraph of our Contract, since such pointing is in no sense an Extra work or an alteration or variation- within the terms of that document, but is work included in the Contract sum of £2965 which we agreed to pay you for the ~~complete~~ [sic] full completion of the building.

Yours &<sup>c</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> J. B. Hodgson

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Letter Book IV

Page 111]

Copy of a letter written by Our Mother (dated ) Mar.30

To Messrs. M.& C. Hughes

The Convent

St L. on Sea.

March 30<sup>th</sup> [ 1874]

Messrs H & C. Hughes

Mrs Connelly begs to inform Messrs H. & C. Hughes that she cannot pay for work that has not been completed by the Contract ! When Messrs. Hughes subtracts the probable cost of the distempering & of the Spherical window which they promised to do, she is ready to pay all that is due. Also to pay the extras <sup>as</sup> agreed upon.

The Convent St Leonards- on- Sea Mar.30<sup>th</sup> 1874

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES – ROME.

[Letter Book IV.

Letter 65- page 80.]

Copy of a Letter sent to Mr. Ivall by Our Mother

May 19<sup>th</sup> [1873]

Mrs. Connelly begs to inform Mr. Ivall that she is much astonished to hear that a public sale was held on the Garden fronting Bloomfield Terrace ! She had certainly not understood the nature of Mr. Ivall's request & Mrs. C. begs to inform Mr. I. that he had no right whatever to have such a sale, the garden being solely for the purpose of a pleasure ground.

To Mr Ivall

The Convent

St Leonards – on- Sea

May 19. 1873.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES- MAYFIELD

[ Book M.2.]

[To the Law Fire Insurance Co.]

[Oct. 1867 ? ]

The Lady Superioress encloses cheque for one hundred and forty four pounds  $\frac{3}{5}$  being the payment of 30<sup>th</sup> of for Principal  $\frac{1}{2}$  year & interest of money borrowed of The Law Fire Insurance Co. & will be obliged by the return of a receipt.

The Convent

St. Leonard's on sea

May 6<sup>th</sup> 1868

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J.M.J.

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose a cheque for the amt. of the fractional portion of the half year's interest due the 25<sup>th</sup> of March on the Mortgage of £2500 on Conventual School Hastings. I shall be much obliged by your sending me the acct half yearly, when the interest and the 30<sup>th</sup> payments become due, as I am the proper person to attend to this matter –

Address The Superioress

The Convent

St. Leonard's on Sea

I remain dear Sir

Yrs faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly Sup-

[To the Law Fire Insurance Office, Chancery Lane,  
London.]

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES --MAYFIELD [Book M 2.]

[ Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1867 ]

Gentlemen

I shall be obliged by your opening a fresh pass  
Book in the following names

Cornelia Connelly

Harriet Hanson

Annie Croft

I shall also be much obliged if you will allow me to take  
a loan on the Convent account for £500, or if it would be  
more convenient to you to allow me to overdraw our acct  
to this amount.

I remain Gentlemen

Yours very faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> / 67

[ To London & County Bank, Hastings Branch ]

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - MAYFIELD

[ copied from Account Book 'O' ]

Receipt for the Russian Bonds.

Gentlemen

I shall be obliged by you giving the Bearer  
of this the Russian Bonds now in your possessing [sic ]  
for which she will give you a receipt

Cornelia Connelly

Sup G<sup>l</sup> .

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1871.

[ Written across this letter is the following]:

The within mentioned Bonds have been this day  
redeposited with the London County Bank

Jno. Gower O'Neill

\_\_\_\_\_  
Manager

Hastings 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 1871

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES ROME [copied from Letter Book 1V

Page 67]

From Our Mother to Mr Magee.

Feb 22 [1873]

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J.M.J.

My dear Mr Magee

You will perhaps be surprised to have a letter from me on business, but I want to ask a favour from you & at the same time to propose a matter which may not be altogether inconvenient to you. It is this. A large House in London is offered to us for purchase which has a good garden and stands in an admirable situation either for a Convent or a Training School & is capable of being made in every way suitable for our purpose, being within 5 minutes walk of our principal practising Schools. The sum required for purchase & repairs is £4000. It is not freehold being on Ld Portland's property & the term of the present lease is for 15 years, but we can re-purchase for 99 years before the termination of the present lease. We have not the funds to meet the purchase & I want to ask you if you would be willing to invest £ 1000 at 6 pr ct for 6 years to enable us to take it. We should be quite willing to make the payments of principal & interest through your dear children's School account- or to have the whole on interest for the 6 years - but if you like, we should prefer the former.

Our A.B. is anxious that we should take the house & he would help in the purchase as far as he is able. He gives us till the middle of next week to decide. It is a work of the very highest charity & your answer will influence us

chiefly in the decision – if yes will you send me a joyful  
telegram? If no- then pray over it before deciding & we shall  
do the same, that our dr Lord may inspire you <sup>[in pencil ]& bless you.)</sup> to say yes.

Your darling children are quite well & give us every  
consolation in their conduct & studies.

With many remembrances to Mrs M. I remain

Yours faithfully in J. C.

Cornelia Connelly

Supr.

[1851 ?]

Messrs. Mayer & Co.

J.M.J.

Dear Sir

I quite understood that you were willing to allow a year's credit on the Stations & window ordered. and I was astonished that you demanded a hundred pounds on the Stations when delivered. I cannot pay you either for the remainder of the Stations or for the window when delivered in less than a years credit. If this does not now suit you I am quite wiling that you should dispose of the window elsewhere- I remain  
dr Sir

Yours in J.C.

C. Connelly Sup.

MS copy]

To the Mayor &amp; Town Council [Hastings – Oct 10 1866]

Gentlemen

One of the officials of the local Board called at our establishment a few few [sic] days ago to complain of the uninhabited School on the cliff opposite our grounds, & belonging to us, as a nuisance- Some time since I had a similar notice, and I immediately sent our men to have the yard cleansed & at the same time took the precaution to have an iron railing & wall with a gate to lock up the yard. I also had an iron gate put up at the porch entrance with a lock to save it from being a nuisance- I now call upon you gentlemen to view the broken windows the picked locks the injured building and the nuisance of the yard the whole<sup>state of things[sic]</sup> being a disgrace to the local authorities of the nineteenth Century We are very highly taxed and<sup>Gentlemen[sic]</sup> surely have a right to a just protection. Therefore I trust now that your attention is called to the subject, we may in future have reason to thank you for your vigilance and justice which we shall always be happy to acknowledge when we can do so with truth.

[Cornelia Connelly ]

Sent Oct 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> 1866 [ is written across the bottom of the last page of the letter.]

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - ROME [ copied from Letter Book 1  
Letter 92, page 97]

The Convent, St Leonards'.

Copy July 13<sup>th</sup> [1861]

My dear Sir/

Many thanks for your prompt attention to Miss Harcourt's business. She would readily give the power of Attorney to our Banker to receive the dividends if you will kindly send the certificate. There is another little matter which I shall be obliged by your attending to for me.

It is this - I wish to know whether A\_\_\_\_being an American, can make over by a deed of gift to B\_\_\_\_ to be put in trust for C\_\_\_\_a certain number of acres in the State of Pensylvania [sic] without any other than her own ( valid) signature, together with the American Consul to witness it in England; i.e. would such a Deed be valid in the State of Pensylvania? [sic ]

2 If such a Deed would be valid, will you have the kindness to let me know how it may be done? I am told that each State has its own lawyer living in London, and that a Mr Pitt is the name of the one who does the Pensylvanian [ sic] business. I shall be glad to have an answer to this at your earliest convenience.

I am &c &c

[ Cornelia Connelly ]

To----Mills Esq<sup>r</sup>.