

## ENGLISH BENEDICTINE HOUSE IN ROME

Tradition has it that there is some link  
between an earlier pilgrim's hostel  
at Rome (in the Trastevere) and a later house  
which the English Congregation appear  
to have owned in the early nineteenth century.

This was real enough to cost money, and this  
collection of documents may give some clues.  
It is all that we have inherited from Fr Bede Prest,  
Procurator at Ampleforth 1851-66, then Prior 1866-74.  
At any rate he seems to have handled its affairs.

There is some additional material in the EBC archives at Downside.

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1888-99

WA Prest in a/c  
with Roman Procurator

J. Frost in accts.

1885.	
March	Div. to date 10. 10. --
1886.	
Mar. 31.	Div <sup>2</sup> to date. 25. 19. --
1887.	
March 31.	Div <sup>2</sup> to date 21. 9. --
1888.	
March 31.	Div <sup>2</sup> to date. 23. 8. --

<u>K</u>	84. 6. -
May 180. Sale of 6 shares	64. 4. 6.
at £10. 15. 0 (21s Com.)	
<u>K</u>	<u>148. 10. 6.</u>

Chap: 82. Bal: of Cash - K 87. 5. 4.  
10/-

with Roman procurator

1885.	
June	Trans & Certificate 1. 5. 2.
1886.	
June 8.	Paid towards Expenses of Roman House, fees &c 60. - -
	7/- Ford. (1290) } 60. - -

Bal: in account  
of Frost } 87. 5. 4.

<u>K</u>	<u>148. 10. 6.</u>
1888.	
July 26.	Paid to J. Snowball 87. 5. 4. "Chapels" } 87. 5. 4. <u>10/-</u>

1888.	Sept. Sale of 9 shares	\$108.	8.	6.
Oct.	Div. to June 30/88.	\$3.	15.	-.
1889.				
Jan. 14.	Div. to Sept 30/88.	3.	15.	-.
Apr. 15.	Div. to Dec 31/88.	3.	15.	-.
May 29	Sale of 8 shares.	\$104.	17.	6.
July	Div. to March 31/89.	\$6.	1.	-.
Feb.	Div. to June 30/89.	\$2.	15.	-.
1890.				
Jan. 1/90.	Div. to Sept 30/89.	2.	15.	-.
Feb. 1/90.	Div. to Dec 31/89.	2.	15.	-.
Mar. 1/90.	Div. to March 31/90.	6.	1.	-.
Oct. 1/90.	Div. to June 30/90.	2.	15.	-.
1891.				
Jan. 1/91.	Div. to Sept 30/90.	2.	15.	-.
Apr. 1/91.	Div. to Dec 31/90.	2.	15.	-.

A 253.3. -

1888.			
Sept. 28.	Pd to Dr. Rugby.	*90.	-.
	June 1/91. Bal.	\$30.	-.
1889.			
May 9.	P. Abbott O'Folman	*20.	-.
June 5.	per Miss O'Neill	*20.	-.
" 24.	Abbott O'Folman	*60.	-.

A 220. " "

1891

Rt far<sup>?</sup> 253. 3. "

Aug. No. 76. Div. to March 31/91 ✓ 6. 1. --  
Oct. No. 77. Do. to June 30/91. ✓ 2. 15. --

1892

Jan. No. 78. Div. to Dec. 31/91. ✓ 2. 15. --  
Apr. No. 79. Do. to Dec. 31/91. ✓ 2. 15. --  
Jul. No. 80. Do. to Mar. 31/92. ✓ 6. 1. --  
Sep. No. 81. Do. to June 30/92. ✓ 2. 15. --

1893

Jan. No. 82. Div. to Dec. 31/92. ✓ 2. 15. --  
Apr. No. 83. Do. to Dec. 31/92. ✓ 2. 15. --  
Jul. No. 84. Do. to Mar. 31/93. ✓ 6. 1. --  
Oct. No. 85. Do. to June 30/92. ✓ 2. 15. --

1894

Jan. No. 86. Div. to Dec. 31/93. ✓ 2. 15. --  
Apr. No. 87. Do. to Dec. 31/93. ✓ 2. 15. --  
Jul. No. 88. Do. to Mar. 31/94. ✓ 6. 1. --  
Oct. No. 89. Do. to June 30/94. ✓ 2. 15. --

far<sup>?</sup> 304. 17.

Rt far<sup>?</sup> 220. --

1892

June. O'Farman 20. -- --  
Nov. 24. O'Farman. 5. -- --

1893

Jan. O'Farman. 5. -- --

1895

Oct. Hobo O'Farman 250. -- --

far<sup>?</sup> 500. --

1894 Bal from 7/1 304. 17. "

1895 Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Dr. to Sep: 30/94. 2. 15. "

Feb: 23 22 Shares Sold 353. 17. 6.  
netto }

1899 Sept. Int. to date. 19. " "

£ 680. 9. 6.

Sep: 8. Bal. £ 180. 9. 6.

£ 180. 9. 6.

Mar: 2 £ 500. " "

Bal: — 180. 9. 6.

£ 680. 9. 6.

1899.  
Sep: 8. Abbot O'Ferrall £ 100. " "  
Sep: 11. Dr. 80. 9. 6

£ 180. 9. 6.

Copy  
Exps. of Del. of Pres. Gen.

1884.

Sep/84. Cheltenham	4 - 0 - 0.
2 J <sup>y</sup> Gen Exps.	
Sep/85. St. Mch: <sup>l</sup> Gen Exps:	1 - 8 - 0.
Dec/86 } 3 V. Stanbrook S	8 - 0 - 0.
Jan/87 } + Dec: 1 J <sup>y</sup>	
Apr/87. St. Mch: <sup>l</sup> & Cor: (Reg: 2)	1 - 16 - 6.
Jug. J <sup>y</sup> Coventry —	1 - 8 - 5.
Sep. /87. St. Mch: <sup>l</sup> (Gen: Exps: ) -	1 - 10 - 0.
" F. Meek. Exps. Downton	2 - 0 - 0.
Nov. Douai —	4 - 0 - 0.
Dec: 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. Michael's {	1 - 5 - 0
(Reg: 1) —	
Telegrams, postage etc.	1 - 10 - 1
	£ 26 - 18 - 0.
W.W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Clarke —	15 - 0
Chaple 189. T - 27 - 13 - 0	

1885.

Div. to March 31/85. £ 13 - 10 - 0.

" " " 186. 25 - 19 - 0.

" " " 187. 21 - 9 - 0

" " " 188. 23 - 8 - 0

£ 84 - 6 " 0

10 shares sold - £ 64 - 2 - 6.

£ 148 - 8 - 6  
1 - 5 - 2  
147 - 3 - 4  
2 - 0

147 - 5 - 4.

Paid.  
 Rent in Chancery 1888 £ 90 - 0 - 0  
 as £ 60 W £ 57 - 5 - 4

Account of Investments of Savings from  
Rents of Roman House

From March 1885 to July 1888.

Receipts. £ s. d 1885.

1885.	Dividends to March 13 - 10 - 0.	June. Transfer & Certificate. £ 1 - 5 - 2.
1886	Do. to March 31. 25 - 19 - 0.	1886. Paid towards Expenses of House in Rome } 60 - 0 - 0.
1887	Do. " " " 21 - 9 - 0	
1888.	Do. " " " 23 - 8 - 0.	1888. July. Bal: in favour of Acc: £ 87 - 5 - 4.
	£ 84 - 6 - 0.	
	£ 64 - 4 - 6.	
	£ 148 - 10 - 6.	£ 148 - 10 - 6.

(See other side)

Bal: in favour of Acc: £ 87 - 5 - 4. W B Prest.  
July 1888.

Investments of Salaries from  
Rents of Roman House

The Eastern Telegraph Co.

39 Shares @ £10. - £ 390.  
bearing date at 6%.

W. Prest  
July 1888.

The execs of the late  
Very Revd Dr. Burchall

Dr.

In account with George Chamberlain & Co

Liverpool June 9<sup>th</sup> 1885

Feb 20	To stamp registration fee <small>15 Eastern Reg'd</small>	12 6
June 9 -	charges on above preparing <small>stamps, postage, etc</small>	10
		<hr/> 12 6

By Cash £1 2/6  
Geo Chamberlain & Co  
per B. Chamberlain  
June 9. 1885.

GEO. CHAMBERLAIN & CO.  
STOCK BROKERS.

By R<sup>o</sup> W. B. Prest

This day Sold on your account subject to the rules and regulations of the Liverpool Stock Exchange and for settlement 28<sup>th</sup> Inst

Liverpool May 25<sup>th</sup> 1886

We beg to advise you that we have

6 Eastern Telegraph Co. shares @ £10.15.0 = 64 10 ✓

Less Commission 1/3 per share	7 6
Stamp & Fees	
E.E.	64 3 6

Yours very truly

Geo. Chamberlain & Co. - Rec. D.H.



Cheque received by me June 2/86  
on Manchester & Distl: District Co.  
No 22/948145 - June 2/86  
Signed D. G. J. Chamberlain & Co  
~~£ 6/- 2. b. and~~

sent to 100 St Branch  
of Union Bk: June 8/86  
D.W.

Received from the V.R. w Brest. the sum  
of £ 87 - 5 - 4 being the interest on the  
Investments of the Savings of the House & Garden  
in Trastevere Rome, during the Quinquennium  
1883 - 1888

I B Snow

July 26 1888

GEO. CHAMBERLAIN & CO.  
STOCK BROKERS.

Liverpool Aug 18 1888

R. & H. B. Prest

Dear Sir

We beg to advise you that we have this day Sold on your account subject to the rules and regulations of the Liverpool Stock Exchange and for settlement 28 mth

9 Eastern Telegraph Co shares

@ £12. 1. 0 per share  
less contract stp =

= £ 108. 8. 6



Yours very truly  
Geo. Chamberlain & Co.

The Rev'd W. B. Bush

Liverpool, May 13<sup>th</sup> 1889

Dr.

In account with George Chamberlain & Co. C.  
C.

May 7 By 8 Eastern Tels. 13<sup>th</sup> 104196

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The undersigned hereby authorize the V. Rev.  
W. B. Paeth to sell out nine shares of the  
Eastern Telegraph Company (accumulated Roman  
rents) in order to pay certain Roman expenses



Dom. Austin O'Neill. President General



Dom Romualdus Woods Def. Reg 1<sup>st</sup>



Dom Alphonse M. Morrell, Def. Reg. 2<sup>nd</sup>



Dom Cuthbertus Doyle Def. Reg: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Undated: O'Neill was President 1888-96  
1st, 2nd, 3rd Definitors made up the Regimen  
what would now be called the President's Council



SUPEREXALTAT  
MISERICORDIA IUDICIUM  
EBC seal 1



MISERICORDIA - IUDICIUM  
EBC seal 2

The Monastery  
of Malvern  
Oct 20 - 1894

My dear Dr Besse

Just a line to catch  
this morning's post.

- 1<sup>o</sup> The £10 was received from  
Rome just before the bankruptcy
- 2<sup>o</sup> Hence not received from you
- 3<sup>o</sup> Your last payment to me was  
£5 in January 1893 - Hence  
your books are right

And now a query in my turn.  
I see in your rough sketch  
payments made to Dr Rigsby

and Prior O'Kelly. I am  
somewhat surprised at the Share  
belonged to the administration of  
our German house.

Will you, and would you give me  
some idea of the nature of these  
fragments? At Chapter, I suppose,  
I shall have to give an account  
of my stewardship, and I should  
look-foolish if I could not account  
for these specimens.

I am sorry to bother you at all,  
but I am very grateful for all the  
trouble you have taken with these

Irish Shares for a few words

A Germany

GEO. CHAMBERLAIN & CO.  
STOCK BROKERS.

TELEPHONE  
NO. 1065.

To Rev. W. B. Prest

This day Sold on your account, subject to the rules and regulations of the Liverpool Stock Exchange and for settlement 13 Feb

22. Eastern Telegraph Co	£ 16. 1. 9 pfs	353	18	6.
	Nett			
	Contract Stamp			
	Commission			
	Stamps & Reg. Fees			
	E.C.	£ 353	17	6.



Geo. Chamberlain & Co.

Account of Invested Savings from Rents of "Roman House".

From "In: Chapter" of 1888 to Sept: 1899.

39 Shares (£10.) in the East: Telegraph C:

1888.				
Sept:	Sale of 7 Shares (£10.) C to 12-1-0 last day.	108.	8.	6.
1889.				
July.	Dividends from Apr. 1/88 to March 31/89.	17.	6.	"
May 2	Sale of 8 Shares (£10.) C to 13 $\frac{2}{3}$	104.	17.	6.
1890.				
July.	Dividends from Apr. 1/89 to March 31/90.	14.	6.	"
1891.				
July.	Dividends from Apr. 1/90 to March 31/91.	14.	6.	"
1892				
July	Dividends from Apr. 1/91 to March 31/92	14.	6.	"
1893.				
July	Dividends from Apr. 1/92 to March 31/93	14.	6.	"
1894.				
July	Dividends from Apr. 1/93 to March 31/94	14.	6.	"
1895.				
Jan 14	Dividends from Apr. 1/94 to Sept. 3/95.	5.	10.	"
Feb 14	Sale of 22 Shares (£10.) C to 16-1-9/95	353.	17.	6.
1899.				
Sept:	Interest on closed accy -	19.	"	"

Total of Receipts £ 80. 9. 6.

Accy Settled	Payments to Sep 8 including 1899	600	—
	Nat. Ad. Sch 11/99 —	80. 9. 6.	

Sample dividend notes from the Eastern Telegraph Company  
There are about 20 more of the same in the file BX28-1 (1889-95)

## 66 THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

The accompanying Cheque for (£ 1/-) is for an Interim Dividend of TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE per Share, on account of Profits for THREE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1888 (free of Income Tax) in respect of Ordinary Shares standing in the name of the Proprietor. It must be signed by the Payee before presentation, and it is requested that any change of Address may be at once notified to the Secretary.

I hereby certify that this Company is assessed to Income Tax in respect of its Profits and Gains, and that the within-named Dividend is a portion of such Profits and Gains, in respect of which Income Tax has been or will be paid to the Revenue.

N.B.—Proprietors claiming exemption from Income Tax are informed that the Inland Revenue Department will receive this Statement as a Voucher in claiming the same.

WINCHESTER HOUSE, 50, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON, E.C.,  
14th January, 1889.

GEORGE DRAPER,  
*Secretary.*

*To F. W. Brown*

## 67 THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

The accompanying Cheque for (£ 1/-) is for an Interim Dividend of TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE per Share, on account of Profits for THREE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1888 (free of Income Tax), in respect of Ordinary Shares standing in the name of the Proprietor. It must be signed by the Payee before presentation, and it is requested that any change of Address may be at once notified to the Secretary.

I hereby certify that this Company is assessed to Income Tax in respect of its Profits and Gains, and that the within-named Dividend is a portion of such Profits and Gains, in respect of which Income Tax has been or will be paid to the Revenue.

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WINCHESTER HOUSE, 50, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON, E.C.,  
15th April, 1889.

GEORGE DRAPER,  
*Secretary.*

*To F. W. Brown*

= Entrata, ed uscita, del Giardino che possiedono li monaci Benedettini  
d'Inghilterra in Roma principiando dall'Anno 1823. Epoca in cui furono accomodati  
li conti col Reale. Gen: March &c.

Entrata

1823 . . . . .	113.
1824 . . . . .	113
1825. 1/1 Anno . . .	56: 50.
	289: 50.

= i spesi in tre anni

= Pagadi per l'acquisto di un terreno confinante col Giardino 150,-  
= al Notaro per copia dell'Istrumento d'acquisto . . . . . 2:-  
= Sagati in tre anni per tasse al Governo . . . . . 40: 31.  
= e più altra tassa per acqua . . . . . 1.-  
= e più per il Condotto accomodato dal Governo . . . . . 6.89.  
= e più tassa dell'Acqua del Corrente anno 1825 . . . . . 1.-  
= Al muratore che accomodò il tetto degli Agrumi . . . . . 2-  
= al muratore che accomodò quello della Casa . . . . . 6.66.  
= Per la solita assistenza . . . . . 6:-  
= Per un gran condotto di Piombo . . . . . 63.61/-

Ogni pagamento esiste la sua ricevuta e la maggior 281: 48.

parte dei medesimi sono stati fatti al Governo, ma è fatto istanza perché le tasse sono state alterate e spero un piccolo buonifico. Sulli primi di Gennaro si esigera un'elemosina che ~~causa~~  
il compimento di quest'anno &c &c.

All our students, 25 in number, are well, and doing very well. Nine  
teen are preparing for ordinations, of all the orders, in Dec<sup>r</sup>. Rev<sup>r</sup> Mr.  
Gillow, has left us, and is gone to Moshaw, where he was much  
wanted to assist the president Gillow, in his declining health.  
All the Express from you saw at Douai, have been here. They are  
much disappointed and disgusted with Italy, and Rome; finding  
that it is a country not fit to live in, that they could get nothing  
to eat &c &c. They set out for Paris last week. I beg my respects  
to all your clerics, and to Mr. De L'atre. I remain, Dear Sir,

your very ob<sup>r</sup> Servt,

Robert Gradwell.

M. Sigis. Clotier.

Monsieur ~~le P. J. M. de~~  
Mr le R. P. Marsh  
aux Bénédictins Anglais  
à Douai Dep<sup>t</sup> du Nord  
France



Very affec<sup>r</sup> Sir

When I was in Rome this winter Dr. Gardwell gave me 72 Roman Crowns, the same as Spanish Dollars, which he had received as Rent for the cottage and garden there belonging to the English Benedictines. He gave it me to bring to England to be delivered to the proper person, to whom it belonged. At the rate of exchange when I received it 70 Crowns were exactly equal to £15 sterling. If you will have the goodness to tell me into whose hands I must remit the sum, I shall be very glad to get all the responsibility out of my own.

I went to see the garden, and found it in very good order. The tenant appeared a very respectable man, and I was informed had improv'd the garden very much. He was anxious to have a long lease, as an encouragement for the expence he had been at in making the improvements I told him I would propose it to our Superiors. The cottage itself appears old and dilapidated. It is sufficiently large for the residence of one or two persons.

I remain V. affec<sup>r</sup> Sir

your most obedt Servt

Edward B. Glover

little Raby

April 25  
1827

pay this small sum. I have the honour  
to remain,

Dear Sir,

Your very obed<sup>t</sup> servant,

Robert Bradwell.



Dr. Goodwin  
Nov 1838

Rev. John Birdsall  
Somerset Place  
Chesterham

11. 11. 11



London, 4 Castle St. 19 Nov. 1828.

Dear Sir.

The day before I left Rome, in July last, Signor Sloppé, who is steward for the Anglo-Benedictine garden in Trastevere, brought me 80 crowns, £17. 5. 3, as part of rent, desiring me to pay it to Rev. Mr. Marsh. When I was in the north of England, a few weeks ago, some of your brethren informed me that Mr. Marsh was no longer president, and that they thought the money should be remitted to you.

It is for this reason that I take the liberty of requesting you will have the goodness to inform me to whom I must

London 29<sup>th</sup> May 1829

Miss H. A.

I find myself under the necessity of writing to you to inform you without delay that the tower which stands in the garden is much out of repair and so far incloses ruin that an architect says it is most necessary to repair it immediately, to raise a new wall from the foundation, and in the mean time to put a spur to it, and to repair all the defects which are in the ground floor; by the estimation made by the surveying architect it appears that the expense will amount to nearly one hundred pounds, for he has put down almost twenty; but as the estimate is always exceeded, every body says that it will reach a hundred; as the expense is great I wished to have the opinion and advice of your superior of this venerable college, therefore I beg your Lordships to inform me, by post, of what you will do, and in the mean while, I shall go on in what cannot be dispensed with, which is one façade of the house, which according to the opinion of another architect is in greater danger of falling and must immediately repair it, ~~but~~ therefore that part will be finished before you receive an answer to this letter of mine; it is necessary

that you should know that the house was bought old and consisted of many tenements of poor people, which the Superior bought and fitted up, therefore the foundations are very scatty; on the other hand, since last year I have changed the main beams and have joined the ground floor with the wings, it is therefore a continual expense, but, as far as I can, I shall do every thing with the greatest economy, because yr Lordships are persons that deserve it, and I shall endeavour to do the work with the reaks that will be exacted.

I have written to you that in the year 1822 I rendered account to the Superior that came to Rome, the Rev. Doct<sup>r</sup> March who came from Douay, and I delivered to him the money that I had up to 1822; since I have sent him two remittances through his Excellency the Bishop Grechell; but since he left Rome I have received no news from him; I have written to him, many times, that he should send me an acknowledgement, but he has never done it, if have only the receipt comprising the year 1822; therefore if his yr Lordships will write to him, that he should send me, for his own tranquillity, the receipt of the amount which I sent him, the

last time but one. That Mons<sup>r</sup> Vesco<sup>ne</sup> Graduate went to London and the eighty Colonists of this last time; it may be supposed that the Bishop did not pass by Douay and that he has not seen him; therefore you may easily conclude from all this argument. That I have no money intended to go on in the repairs, but if you will you disburse the money and recover it from the rents, a little at a time.

Notwithstanding, I am of opinion that you should call a meeting, and present this project of mine which is for yr<sup>r</sup> own advantage: The Benedictine Monks of England do not frequently come to Rome, and if they should come there is nothing in the gooden house enough to contain many persons, and the distance of the house, which is situated far from the centre of Rome, is not convenient; in case you should not have the situation of opening a college you might make the following reflections: The possessions of the Benedictine Monks at Rome, deducting the annual expense of taxes p<sup>t</sup> to government, and deducting the

repairs which occur annually; this possession,  
I say, may be considered as annually bringing eighty  
or eighty five £'s. & consequently I should  
advise to sell this possession. For a sum which  
being remitted in London would bring you  
the same sum in some which it now brings you  
at Rome; in this manner you would obtain  
leave of the Pope and of all; but should not  
this suit you, we shall go on, as it may please  
you better; in the mean time, for the present  
I go on repairing the most essential which  
is the main wall. There is not so much hurry  
about the remainder. Be persuaded that John  
do with pleasure say what he can to serve you.

I beg you will favour me without delay with  
an answer in French in order that I may  
understand better.

They of yr kindness to send for me the annexed  
letter to his Ex: Mons: Bishop Graebell,  
writing to it your best antreates; and if, in the  
mean while, boast of being with the greatest regard

*Reverendissimi Signori*

Roma 29 Maggio - 1829

Mi trouo obbligato scriuere la presente lettera per far comprendere a pere che la Casa che esiste nel Giardino è molto patita ed minaccia ruina talmente che un architetto dice essere necessario subito ripararla al sare un muro maestro dei Fondamenti e da un'altra parte bisogna farci uno sperone e riparare tanti crepi che vi sono nei Solari e Camere. Dalla perizia fatta dall'Architetto di rileua che la Spesa andrà ad un incirca a lento Luigi, perche ego a mezzo inscritto quasi Settanta, ma il Solito che sempre in fine cresce perciò tutti discorso che andrà alli Cento, siccome questo lavoro e di molta spesa desidero vo auere il parere ed Ordine di qualche superiore di questo Venerabile Colleggio, onde prego uoi Signori apostolici Corrente farmi sapere cosa devo fare e d'intanto farò principiare quello che non si puol fare a meno che è una facciata della Casa la quale al detto di un altro Architetto e più pericolosa a Cadere e devo subite ripararla perciò questa sarà fatta prima che venga la risposta di questa mia; Bisogna che le Signorie loro sappino che questa Casa fu anticamente comprata vecchia, ed erano tutte piccole casette di pouere genti patite e che il Superiore acquistò e fece arredare perciò li fondamenti sono tutti meschini da un'altra parte della medesima fin dall'anno passato ci mutai li traui maestrie feci il Solaro con il terrazzo onde sempre cura continua spesa ma dal mio potere farò tutto colla maggiore economia e carità perche le Signorie Loro sono persone che lo meritano e procurerò di fare questo lavoro colle biggioni chesi esigeranno,

Io lescripsi che nel 1822, resi conto al Superiore che uenne in Roma, Bld<sup>o</sup> D<sup>r</sup>, March che uenne da Douay Departement du Nord, France, e diedi ad ego il denaro che avevo in Caja fino al 1822, in Seguito poi due volte o mandatogli altro denaro per il mezzo di S. E. Monsignore Vescovo Gra duell, ma da quando ego partii da Roma non ho avuto mai alcuna notizia, gli ho scritto più volte che mi mandasse una ricevuta e mai la fatto tenendo solamente quella a tutto il 1822, dunque prego le Signorie loro di scriuergli che per mia quiete mi mandi la ricevuta della valuta che le mandai la penultima uolta che uenne Monsignore Vescovo Gra duell a Londra, e li ottanta Colonnati di quest'ultima uolta suol darsi che Monsignore Vescovo

nonsia passato a Douay e che non l'abbi ueduto; Onde potranno da tutto questo argomentarao che prego di me non è denari per fare questa auorazione ma se Essi anno piaceri potrò sborsarli io, eli riprenderò dagli acuti poco la uolta;

Non ostante io sarei di parere che Essi facessero la Congregazione e progettassero il mio progetto a loro beneficio che e il seguente: Li monaci Benedettini d'Inghilterra non uengono così facilmente in Roma e se uenissero nel Giardino non ui e casa sufficiente per tenere un Colleggio di molte persone e' incomodo per la Lontananza della Casa che si troua situata lontano dall'interno della Città di Roma; quando Essi non auessero intenzione di aprire un Colleggio potrebbero fare le seguenti riflessioni.

La poftidenza dei monaci Benedettini di Roma ha detratto la soesa annuale delle Tasse che si pagano al Governo e detratto li accocciui che in ogni anno occorrono nella la Bopfidenza. Si puole considerare che resti un Anno per l'altro circa Ottantä l'olonnati o pure ottantacinque. Onde io direi di uendere questa Bopfidenza una Valuta che rinuestendola in Sondra gli rendesse nelle Case loro la medesima entrata che anno qui in Roma. In questa maniera auerebbero tutte le licenze dal nostro Papa e da tutti, se poi Essi non anno questa uolontà si anelera' auanti come più gli agrada. Intanto io per ora riparo la cosa interessante che e il Muro Magistro ed il rimanente non ui è tanta fretta e siano persuasi che io farò con piacer tutto per servirli e prego fauorirmi subito un riscontro in lingua Francese affinche possa intenderlo meglio, &c.

Srego la Loro Bonta inuarmi la qui annexa lettera a S.E. Monsignore Vescovo Graduell unendoci le loro fortipremure, ed io intanto mi uanto espere con il maggiore rispetto di & a'oro Signori &c.

um, Dm, Servitore  
Guglielmo Clouet

Umo Signore

Roma

1831

Lo credo un dovere parteciparle che la sua Casa col Giardino si troua al  
 presente in ottimo Stato perchè colli denari dell'Affitto o fatto tutto quel  
 lo che bisognaua. Il 18 di Dicembre quando uenne a Roma uide che  
 li Agrumi erano rovinati dal forte gelo, onde o' accomodato un Fenile  
 il quale quasi niente ci rendeva d'interesse; ciò è fatto un gradino intor-  
 no per mettere tutti quei Agrumi che sono nell'Asia e così stanno situati  
 dentro tutto l'inverno, quei Agrumi che l'anno scorso patirono dal gelo  
 anno ripreso, e nella prossima primavera forse farò ristabilire il mu-  
 ro che contorna il detto Giardino il quale lo farò fare con quel poco di  
 denaro che si prende dell'affitto a tutta quest'anno, queste sono state  
 tutti i lavori che neceppitauano per non uedere andare in ruina e così an-  
 no sempre un Locale da poterci abbitare nella circostanza che un gio-  
 ro si determina apero di uenire in questa Pitta, fer regola della Religio-  
 ne, si tiene il medesimo Affitto per tre anni intre anni, e termina nel uen-  
 turo anno 1832. Si rinnova quando ai proprietari non servisse &  
 siccome in questo Giardino e Caserma o qualsiasi detta migliorato, espeso,  
 della moneta per consenza merita un aumento nell'affitto, ed o trouata una  
 persona che pagherebbe d'affitto cento trenta scudi all'anno onde sono di pare-  
 re de dire a quello che presentemente lo ritiene che per lire 130, se lo uole conti-  
 nuare a tenere esso per quel prezzo, sarà sempre il preferito, e così non resterà  
 gravato;

È vero che quando io fui nominato amministratore quest'affitto era nouan-  
 ta scudi e adesso facendo l'affitto saranno 130, ma non è mai gravato perchè  
 ci abbiamo speso, migliorato, e trouato chi darebbe lire 130; Ondo U. Illmà si de-  
 gni farmi sapere la sua determinazione =

Auendo terminato la suddetta narrazione sono colla presente a supplicarla  
 di accordarmi la sua protezione per un mio affare che mi è accaduto, In

Roma nell'estate passata il sig. Jackson spedizioniere Inglese prese l'incarico  
 di mandarmi una Cappa di stampo che ho avuto la quale me la spedi al sig.  
 Lloyd John Lever Street N° 72 in Manchester io nemni per queste stamppe a Lon-  
 dra andetti a Manchester mi trattorono tre mesi ad aspettarla che non  
 uederedola e fui costretto e non potendo più aspettare ritornai in Italia per  
 cercarsi questa cappa e giunta in Settembre in Manchester si trouò  
 nelle mani del sig. Lloyd non essendo robba sua non si dava prenum  
 di uenderle e istesso delle bellissime stamppe chetrouando sia uenderle  
 giacche si da queste combinazioni le sarei ciò un ulissimo prezzo in  
 simile circostanza ricorro all'U. S. Illma per supplicarla di ajutarmi e  
 uolendo favorirmi potrebbe come superiore raccontare il mio affare a  
 dodici persone di Monaci Benedettini dispensandoli una porzione per  
 ciascuno e supplicandoli da mia parte di farmele uendere per uender  
 le queste sarebbe la megliore specolazione che in dodici Monaci se le doni  
 desidero e da U. S. Illma dipende che uogliano fornire questo favore Il sig. Lloyd  
 non mi amai scritto ne lo se ne vide una esuna Underscr. U. S. Illma cre  
 de di farmi tal favore io scrivero questa sera e finché se U. S. La richiede  
 gli mandino subito la Cappa con una tota esatta Mil lungo e supplico  
 Lei per ottenerne questo gran favore che memore sarò fino alla morte

La prego frusarmi questa lettera illo spedita per l'occasione che la Segretaria  
 di Stato a spedito un Corriere al Re d'Inghilterra per annunciare l'elezione  
 del nuovo Papa ed intanto io col desiderio di servirla la prego onorarmi  
 de comandarti uno e mi creda col maggiore rispetto &c &c

Di U. S. Illma

Uno Dno Servitore  
 Guglielmo Clopp

Rev Monsignore Birdsall  
8 a 8m 8m  
Cheltenham

Deiui Dott. Wardsall

Pioma 30. Marzo 1833.

Per corso della rendita del Giardino che li monaci Benedettini possiedono in Piemonte faccio pagare alti cinquanta Pire Sterline che etta si degnerà ritirare dall'aria sorella di Londra incaricando qualcuno de suoi amici di subito ritirarli lasciando alla medesima la riceuuta che mi spedirà in Piemonte affinché posso io presentarla per essere abbarrato quando dovrò rendere conto.

Questa favorevole occasione mi dà il bene di ringraziare V. S. perché ebbe tanta pena per me a riguardo delle Stampe e per quelle che mi fanno comprare. Intanto con piena di gratitudine ed affezione le offro la mia servitù e mi prego obbedire ai suoi generosi comandi

Di V. S. Umanā

Unito Lmō Servitore  
= Guglielmo Cigala

Mun, May 28. 1833. I received from Mrs. Ross, the sister of Sig. Clossi £50, as above ordered, & gave her an acknowledgement of the same  
J. Wardsall

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Highgate Decr 4, 52

Rev. Dr. S. J. N.

M<sup>r</sup> Fitzgerald tells me that you desire to hear how the affair of your property stands at the present moment. You will recollect that it was at first settled that it should be sold, & the Beneficent Association was retained for that purpose at Howard. I thought it better not to sell it, but on certain terms to let the Abbott Cassette have it. But there is no getting the present tenant to quit: he makes all sorts of excuses to gain time: that his account is not made up - that he has certain claims for compensation &c &c. Little's wild means have only been adopted, for he has friends among the Beneficentis here: he is an agent of theirs. I have however told our Agent to tell <sup>me</sup> that if he do not move that we shall oblige him to do so; we have already forwarded the Documentary necessary for this purpose. When he is got rid of, I trust we shall have plain sailing: there will be no difficulty in procuring the necessary powers after that for turning the property & the Estate Cassette's care. Trusting the above will be satisfactory as far as it goes holding myself in readiness for further instructions on the subject

I am Revd Dr. S. J. N.  
West Cottenham

— Dr. J. H. St. John

Saints College Rome  
March. 4 - 1853

Rev<sup>r</sup> Dear Sir

I have received your kind letter & by <sup>(Bill for £10.)</sup> content with thanks. As this postage the account was so small that it was not worth sending it this last year.

The tenant of your house here, has at least thought fit to make up his accounts. Of course there is still a balance due from him. Sh., if he knew of our movements, he would be in a hurry to settle. But the fact is, that I have desired him to ejected first wh. will rather restrain him. The reason is this. our present instrument of ejectment would be of no force if we allowed him to pay his account & except our signature. but now with the accounts made up we can safely turn him out & force him to pay afterwards without any plea for delay. His affairs have travelled too slowly, but it has travelled. I hope shortly to be able to announce, that the Abate Casotto is in possession, but I am obliged to keep him out of sight in order not to embroil him with the Religion of S. Paul's whose agent the tenant is -

I am Rev<sup>r</sup> Dear Sir your most Obedient Servt  
R. Br. Com. Thwaites

English College Rome  
4 Dec. 1853

Rv<sup>r</sup> Dear Sir

Not even as yet have I gained possession of the house here belonging to your order. The tenant has been ill, so that I did not press for his eviction. On his recovery however I gave an order to that effect & this brought him to me to beg, if not to stay, at least for more time. I assured him that he would have to go, but granted him until 1<sup>st</sup> January next to provide himself with another house.

The Abbate Casaretto is in great trouble just now, but he bears it most patiently. Having reason to think lately that a high official personage has been prejudiced against him, he did not think it necessary to defend himself, but beyond only that the individual might be told to seek information on the subject from his (Casaretto's superiors), Propaganda that is, & the Congregation of Bishops & Regulars. I happen to know a good deal of this case & what is thought fit in high quarters & have no doubt about the result. Aware that a variety of reports would probably reach you on this subject, I have purposefully introduced it to make a suggestion, if you will excuse my doing so. For charity's sake do not believe anything you may hear, but at least suspend your judgment for the time, unless you chance to feel an interest

in the matter thru by all means, apply at once at head-quarters that  
 is, to Mgr Bernadi Secretary of Propaganda or to Cardinal Bellarmino  
 the head of the Congregation of Bishops & Regulars. I feel sure if you follow  
 this suggestion that you will afterwards thank me for it. I know suf-  
 -ficient of the matter to be able to say that if there <sup>ever</sup> was a diabolical  
 conspiracy set on foot it is this affair of which I speak. I think I have  
 not gone out of my province in what I have said. I have said it  
 in the interest of charity & justice, prompted by the knowledge I al-  
 -ready possess of the affair, by my anxiety to serve you & your ecclesiastical  
 order & by my love & admiration for the Abbate Caccia, whom con-  
 -duct in this matter as far as it has come to my knowledge is most  
 earthly. It was just this sort of a remonstrance that was needed to make  
 him a saint & I pray that he may not fail.

I am not without my fears lest you should think that I have gone  
 beyond my province in speaking of this matter, for you cannot know suf-  
 -ficient of me to be assured without further evidence, that I am not  
 one to meddle with other people's affairs. I have however only spoken  
 in the interest of charity & justice, & if I have done amiss, I trust  
 to your charity to excuse

Yours very sincerely  
 Robt. Montheaurait

R. J. Heptingdale.

Hill Street Coventry

English College Rome  
26 Decm 1855

Very Rev<sup>r</sup> Dear Sir

At length I am enabled  
to say something positive in regard to the sum  
belonging to your Order in Rome.

We were sued again not long after the  
departure of Mr Heptinstall, one of the charges  
being that the account had not been liquidated.  
We naturally had P. Tedoli summoned  
& give evidence to the contrary. <sup>However</sup> Then  
appealed to the Rota & the case came on  
yesterday. On the Thursday previous I  
had to go through ordeal of visiting the whole  
of the five judges. I did so & gave my opinion  
on the questions as well as I could. There  
were other points in the process besides the liqui-  
dation of the accounts. They lost the suit  
upon every point.

I hope in the course of a few days  
& have established in the house a tenant  
who will pay the rent punctually.

Meanwhile we have had a gardener &  
look after the garden, & we have sold the  
lemons produced for 100 Scudi: not bad  
marketing I should say.

With kind regards respect to Mr  
Hintonstale & to yourself

I am very Rev<sup>d</sup> Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Robert Compton

The Very Rev<sup>d</sup>. J. Marshall  
Catholic Chapel.

Woolton

Liverpool

or whether we are in debt  
I know for law expenses &c  
&c

Lady Abbot did write  
to me in I think for the  
relief & has had a letter  
since from the Committee.  
She will write to  
you very soon I send  
a letter from Dame Agn.  
I sincerely hope Mr  
Sidney will find his notes.  
Did you write to Dr  
Whittemore after we  
saw him. He & Estcourt  
got off last Thursday  
week. I never hear  
now from Dr. Brown. His  
trial delay in New  
Orleans is almost to  
despair about the business.  
He ought in my opinion be looking  
forward to keep a permanent  
agent in New York. I think too young  
men should be selected to go to New York  
because they will be more easily  
misled than the experienced

Ron  
P.M.  
J.W. Abbott  
Dr. Abbott  
Dr. C. L. Abbott  
Dr. C. L. Abbott  
Dr. C. L. Abbott

To H. F. Weld  
The Governor  
Stanbrook  
Worcester  
Feb 29. 1856

Dear Father Weld

I have rec'd. a letter  
from Dr. Whittemore from  
which I take the following  
extract

"Yes! Travosis has given  
up the case, <sup>thus</sup> formally &  
legally renounced further  
litigation. He must have  
spent a considerable sum  
in law. We had to pay for  
our expenses alone some  
300 Scudi - When the Bills  
came in, we offered to  
treat for his dinner  
louise (tubs) & other such  
things as he had at right

"I take away, which  
are dear I buy new.  
"We gave him 250  
Scudi for them &  
then looked out for  
a tenant. We have  
let the House for 160  
Scudi per annum,  
or 30 Scudi a year more  
than Traversi paid.

I hope all these  
arrangements will  
be approved, for at this  
time, one is too far  
to consult."

I don't <sup>think</sup> learn that  
this business has at  
length been brought  
to conclusion. The next  
thing is to have some  
sort of acct. from Dr

Cornthwaite. When I offered  
to pay him <sup>the</sup> usual salary  
at the beginning of 1855, he  
declined. As it appeared to  
me) unsatisfied he would  
pay himself when he had  
finished with Traversi.  
Sort of the names he would  
probably have to receive

The enclosed Acct.: I have  
received from Dr Grant  
since I began this

By Mrs Dr C. claims £20  
for the two years ~~1854-5~~  
5h & 5s 5 pounds 9/16 (allowance)

You had however better  
write to him first & ask  
for some sort of statement  
of Acct: we left him  
already sent to you one.

We should know how  
we stand after all

Our obligation, whether  
he has money or hand