New York Feb 4, 1838

R. W. Dear Sir

Years of the 7th of Jan. have come to hand. In reply, I have to state that I think an establishment for the reception of Male orphans children in or near N.Y. would be supported by the demand for such an institution—that is, that supposing such an establishment, combining the superior tendance of devoted religious men and education with industry (the benefits of latter for the institution) as many orphans or half orphans boys, as would fill it, no matter how large, would be placed in it, at an average payment for each of 75 or 80 dollars a year—the child not to be of the age of from 8 to 10 years.

My idea would be to place in it, the orphan boys of the adjacent of that age and to pay for them, if the number should be large, a smaller sum than that mentioned. But with or without them, such an establishment is much wanted; and if your society could in...
undertake it, and to carry it on in the right spirit. It would do an immense of good. It is done independently of the Christian Brothers. I have attempted to organise it through the Christian Brothers of Baltimore, but I found they could not understand me. They wished to have a security for the establishment which I have not for my own subsistence. I have not the slightest idea that it would or could fail. But this I could not guarantee.

If you should think it worth while to come on, and without your going to, I would not wish you to think of it, I will defray half the expenses of your journey. It is an important matter
with me, and until I see the
chance that will present further
persons who shall appreciate its
importance as I do, I shall not
move in it.
There is also a house to place
 lately relinquished by the Ladies of
the Snow Heart, in which every
thing is arranged for such an
establishment, and it can be
- Chased for less than one third of
what it has Cost. But details
by writing would be useless.
— I am much obliged to you for
your kindness in regard to the group
of the 7. Dolls mentioned — but
I have not had time either to visit
or enquire about them.
Thus, Rev. Dear Sir, are all that
the views that I can present to you on the matter. Father Thurlow and I mentioned to me that if he understood my plan rightly your Community was the one, within whose scope and purpose it came. On this, as he was about to write, I begged him to mention it to you.

But if it should be so, you should first be on the alert to see it know and judge for your help of your Community.

I remain Rev. dear Sir

your best of love

Ella B. Bishop of N.Y.
Very Rev. E. Southwick