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Very Rev. Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 1st inst. I beg leave to say, that as the instability of governments & other circumstances of the times in Europe have often interfered with foundations in perpetuities, so have often rendered them, to say the least, very uncertain, precarious, so, in this country, we may have great reasons to fear that foundations of this kind will not fare any better. Therefore I could not accept nor approve the acceptance of any foundation of masses to be celebrated every day forever in any particular church in the diocese.

Yours most respectfully,

Very Rev. Ed. Bowin

Peter P. Lesesne