9th December, 1938.

T. J. Hickey Esq.,

Dear Sir,

I am very grateful for your letter of the 5th inst. with reference to the launching of an organisation for the purpose of influencing our people in favour of the abolition of Partition.

I regret very much that I cannot be able to accept your kind invitation in view of a serious accident which occured to me last June in my garden. Unfortunately on that occasion I was struck down with Cerebral Thrombosis, which deprived me of the use of my right side. I am therefore unable to get about excepting to walk about the house, but I am recovering slowly.

The object of a meeting with that purpose in view has my entire approval, and as soon as I am able to take part in any practical way I shall give my utmost support.

Wishing your meeting, and the future of your organe isation every succes s.

Yours sincerely,