

August 25, 1939.

Dear Mr. Barry - Walsh -

Thank you very much for your letter of August 21st, in reply to my enquiry. Yes, I should very much like to meet you. The trouble at present is, of course, the "war crisis". I do not feel able to suggest a date until we know where we are. If things go well, and no conflict breaks out, perhaps you might care for me to call on you after ^{Sept.} August 3rd?

I must tell you frankly that on religious matters there are certain differences of opinion between me and Catholics; but I do not think this affects the question of Irish political claims. Those claims are based not on denominational creeds, but on their own merits.

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The acts of the T.R.A. do not seem to me to affect the Irish claims either favourably or adversely. Right claims are not invalidated by the mere use of wrong methods of trying to promote them. No doubt prejudice is aroused — but the essential problem remains as before.

Yours sincerely,

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