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**Casement to Gaffney**

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My dear Gaffney,

I think it is very likely Wilson will break off “diplomatic relations” with Germany as the result of the German note, it looks like it – That would mean only the Embassies clearing out – the Consulates would remain very possibly. That happened once with England and Portugal I remember – in 1889 I think. The British Minister was withdrawn from Lisbon openly, & the Portuguese from London – but the legations were put in charge of the Consuls – A Consul does not “represent” his country – so you may stay on in Munich all the same probably if Gerard leaves Berlin – & Lay be put in charge there to protect American citizens. It would suit the Wilson policy such a game – which outwardly keeping the peace & so warding off fierce Irish & German action in the States, the USA could then covertly do all the Allies as of her in the way of loans, shells & everything else. We shall see in a few days, but I shall not be at all surprised if my surmise is the right one – and I wonder what next. England will treat it as an act of “alliance” with herself in her holy fight.

By the way, making that arch scoundrel Campbell the Lord Chancellor of Ireland is the last “Kick in the guts” to the Home Rule Act! I wonder how much more Ireland will stand – A friend who came from England last week says that everywhere in England Ireland is viewed with “great suspicion”. That is good – & I hope our people will repay the compliment & treat England with more than suspicion.

There was some question I saw by a Dublin paper of nominating me for the vacant seat in Stephen's Green! (Nanetti is dead)

The Sinn Feiners talked of it – how amusing if the thing had gone on because if I had been elected I don't think that they could legally unseat me, since there is no real charge against me – & no conviction in any case.

I am merely “living in Germany” – just as Prince Blucher, a German is living in England now – & the German Govt does not declare him a traitor or confiscate his estates.

I shall be back in Berlin very soon. If you want to write me there do so under cover to Assessor R Meyer,

Auswärtiges Amt 76 Wilhelmstrasse 76

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[John Dillon Nugent was elected as IPP MP for the constituency of Dublin College Green at the by-election of 11 June 1915 following the death of Joseph Patrick Nannetti, defeating the Labour candidate Thomas Farren, who stood on a separatist programme, by 2445 votes to 1816. He was defeated at the 1918 general election by Michael Staines of Sinn Féin contesting Dublin St Michan's.]