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**Douglas Hyde to Casement**

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A chara

I have been talking to Pearse the editor of An Claidheamh Soluis and he has promised me to print your letter if you get a specific statement that the Tawin people will get an Irish teacher who will conduct the school in Irish. He did not seem to over-trust Father Kean!

Of course the priest would be delighted to get the school built for nothing, but I think you ought to get it in black and white from him that he will appoint only an Irish speaker who will teach drill arithmetic etc through the medium of Irish, if we get him the money to build the school.

I would also like if O'Byrne would send me a good statement of how and why the Tawin people lost the school, and if you could get Father Kean's promise it would strengthen the appeal.

I shall be very curious to know the scheme you have in your mind. As for the Archbishop, he's no good. He said the other day to his niece when I was pressing her to learn Irish (and she living in Connemara) “Much better” he says “for her to learn cooking”, and pooh-poohed the whole thing. I don't believe he's even a Home Ruler, indeed, I'm sure he's not.

Drop me a line as soon as you get Father Kean's written assurance - one that he cannot go back on - and then Pearse will print your letter & my appeal. Please tell O'Byrne to write me the particulars by return of post, & not to say anything that cannot be proved if necessary.

**[Gaelic]**

Excuse this hurried letter. I have had to write about a dozen more this morning. I'm sure you'll agree with me its better not to appeal till we get the priest's written promise.