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**Rev Frederick Smith, S.J. to Casement**

**21 March 1911**

**[Casement note**:**]** R 3 April 1911

Catholic Church

Barbados

Mar 21st 1911

My dear Mr. Casement –

Your second kind letter came only last week together with the cheque for £10.

Bishop has gone away to St. Thomas to seek work. Sealey was owed 4 weeks up to March 19th – 28 days @ 72 c = $20.16

Lunch for boys 16 days @ 4 64

Washing 1.28

$22.08

This O paid yesterday. There was also a balance of tailor's bill for making 4 suits of clothes – the balance being 17/2 or $4.12 and this I paid and received two new suits from the tailor for the boys.

They seem well and happy & are beginning to speak a little English & will soon be able to speak well.

I asked Sealey to reduce his charge for the boys but he said he could not – I tried others but they too would not make any reduction excepting to the extent of a shilling or two a week.

I wrote you under c/o the Foreign Office as I had lost your address. I hope you have received my letter.

Fr. McCormick refused to let me have anything to do with the boys in the beginning. But if I had taken them I could not have saved you much money as Bishop refused to give me the £22 and at the end of a fortnight he had spent all but £10. How he spent the rest of course I do not know. I told him it was absurd to have spent $100 on two boys in less than two months. When your cheque for £10 came F. McCormick received it and cashed it without saying anything so I suppose he will make no difficulty now. I would like of course to do all in my power to help you & also to help the boys as I am fond of Indians having spent many years among them but I am not the Superior here and cannot do as I like. If I had been Superior I would have found a place where the boys could sling their hammocks & the greatest part of the expense would have been saved to you.

With kindest regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely in ??

Frederick Smith S.J.