**NYPL Quinn**

**Shane Leslie to John Quinn**

**31 July 1916**

St. Johnsbury

Vermont

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My dear Quinn,

Your enclosure is admirable and of course remains secret. I have initiated everything I could to get Casement a reprieve but this is better than anything. They may, perhaps, see that Casement has become a symbol and reflect how dangerous it always is to break a symbol before the eyes of the faithful.

Anyhow your work is admirable and I hope we shall be able to get much the same done for John McNeill. England must be saved from herself. Some people would add Ireland too!

I hear confidentially as follows:

“My host of last week end (Asquith) was not favorably impressed with Maynooth - they had certainly helped in the rebellion. The Archbishop blessed the S.F. before the rebellion and when asked why said he did so not collectively but individually!”

This is for yourself alone. I also hear that “Ireland” is now blacklisted in the old world. I should like to hear from you at your leisure between now and the fall what you candidly think of “Ireland” and whether it is worth while keeping it going (1) in regard to Ireland (2) in regard to Redmond and (3) in regard to the Allied cause.

I must say I feel discouraged as both sides declare they have had enough of a sheet which puffs green and red with the same breath.

Ever & sincerely yours,

Shane Leslie