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Sir

Rev^d Father Requin of Killarney who has charge of this (Killarney) Mission visited me last evening, and told me that he had heard so many hard talk in this Village against me by the fishermen, concerning the fishing troubles of the past season, and also the arrest of certain fishermen of this place for outrages committed on me, that he was almost ready to condemn me, and he asked me to allow him to see the instructions I received from the Department concerning the assistance I have to render the Department to have the fishing laws observed in this locality, for his own information, after looking over my instructions, the Correspondence concerning the outrages committed on me, the offer of the Department to send a Policeman here to protect the property of the Department, the Rev^d Gentleman said that his opinion was greatly changed, and having seen my side of the question he would be prepared to answer any one who would say anything more to him about me concerning this matter, and he said that I only done my duty, although it is a very unpleasant one.

For the assistance I am rendering the Department in these fishery questions, and because a number of fishermen have been convicted for violation

Honorable the Minister of
Marine & Fisheries

Ottawa

of the fishery Law, I am told that Charles Noble
 Fish Dealer of this place intends to give me all the
 trouble he can, with the aid of the fishermen who are
 all against me. I am afraid every dishonest means
 will be taken to injure me, but I am confident
 the Department will stand by me. If anything should
 be done to me - Revd. Father Bequin advised
 also that for the sake of peace for myself and my
 family, the Department should withdraw the instruc-
 -tion given me with reference of assisting the Department
 in enforcing the fishery Laws, because things
 may get worse - of course I am under obli-
 -gation to anyone here (fishermen or fish dealer)
 but I am almost discouraged for the losses I have
 sustained during the summer through vengeance
 against me by the fishermen of this place, I have
 also lost all my good friends which puts myself
 and my family to an almost unbearable incon-
 -venience, although no outrages have been committed
 on me since the 9th of last November, the feeling of
 the fishermen and fish dealers is so strong
 against me that we are always uneasy soon
 after the outrage on the night of the 11th October
 last, my wife became very sick (I do not
 know whether it is because of the outrage) and
 she is now so weak that she can hardly attend
 to her house work, my neighbours who were
 our good friends before these fishery troubles
 does not speak to us when we meet them, my
 children often offers to speak to once their good
 friends, but they are answered with unpleasant

remarks

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remarks, my Boys used to get considerable work from our Neighbours, but now this has all ceased, Revd Father Pequin also said that he was told that several Light Keepers in these environs had been instructed by the Department to give their assistance also to enforce the fishery laws, but none of them pay any attention to these instructions, he mentioned the name of the Light Keeper at Strawberry Island in particular, Charles Noble said the same thing to me about the Light Keeper at Little Current, and P. Rousseau a fisherman here made a similar statement to my wife & Daughters some time ago, about the Light Keeper at French River - and an Indian complained very bitterly to me about the fish not being protected at Baying Inlet, and he said the Pickeral & Bass are fast decreasing at that place,

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I have the honor to be

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Your most obedient servant

(Signed) C. H. de Lamorandière

Light Keeper