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Shebwoke 19 Feb^r 1819.

My dear Sir William.

I was glad to hear that
you propose Friday for
our meeting. You were
kind enough to ask me to
join you at dinner at 6.30.
but I am so desirous to see
my son & his family that
I must decline with many
thanks. I shall be at
your house at 8. which I
suppose will be the right time.

The only thing which strikes
me as worthy of our consideration
(after the legal point is settled)

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Dear Mother
I received your letter
of the 10th and was
glad to hear from
you. I am well and
hope these few lines
will find you the same.
I have not much news
to write at present.
The weather here is
very pleasant now.
I must close for this
time. Write soon.
Your affectionate son,
John Smith

in the question of our relations
with regard to the Roman Catholics
of the Province -

The Jesuits are worth \$400,000.

Our share as Protestants 60,000
Nothing is said of the Roman
Catholics to the Province generally,
i.e., outside of the Jesuits -

Their grant for Superin Ed^y
must be as important to them
as our grant is to us.

We must get all this placed
on a solid basis, and I cannot
see why the R. Catholics generally
should not aid us in this -
They are at the mercy of a
proud & imperious Government
just as much as we are.

Yours faithfully
W^m Hall