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Dear Judge:

Father had an interview with the  
Webster people <sup>(-publishers of the Grant-remond)</sup> some days ago about publishing the  
Encyclopedia of Ireland. - They said they would defer  
an opinion until they heard from you on the subject,  
as father had mentioned your <sup>admiration and</sup> appreciation of the work.  
They may write you on the matter, but if you do not  
speedily hear from them we would esteem it a great favor  
if you would write them on the subject. - By way of  
refreshing your memory let me suggest some of the main  
points that it would be well, perhaps, to refer to: the uniqueness  
and great interest of the work; the deep research and balancing  
of authorities displayed; the candor, justice and entire freedom  
from bigotry which it encompasses the terse and picturesque  
style in which its 10,000 articles are treated.

I feel sure that a strong endorsement from  
you will have the most satisfactory result. They are  
quite inclined toward the project - and the boost which

you can give it will put it over the crest of  
anything else.

Why haven't you sent a fellow a single  
line the past year? Perhaps I may see you  
in some way at the Capitol - We have very  
intimate relations with all the Departments. Command  
me at any time - As ever,

Sincerely yours,

W. F. Owen.

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