

Livingston. Nov 17. 1849

Reverend Sir,

I am unwilling to reply to your letter of the 10th without stating the reasons which submit beyond my power to offer a contribution to the Church for which you apply: as I fear would.

I have work going on in both of my own churches, and a new Church building

in the Parish for the con-
donment of which I ~~am~~ sole-
ly responsible.

In addition to this the
claims which come upon
me in the Academy
for the building & restoration
of Churches put it out of
my power to entertain
to the numerous applications
I receive from a distance.
These facts I should
not state if I were not

anxious that you should
perceive that no unwilling-
ness causes me to make
this reply.

Believe me,

Dear Sir

Your faithful servant

H. E. Manning

The Revd

Ch. D'Orsey.