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My dearest Arthur,

I am very much obliged by all the trouble you have taken for me, & I must add a little more - but only, please, when you are quite at leisure for it - for I am in no hurry for weeks to come. -

I have looked but little into Froide's English in Ireland - but a dip or two that I have taken convince me that it is a party affair, strongly marked, to my certain knowledge, by the suppression of truth. Nevertheless, he seems to have had access to the best information about the terrible massacre of the English by the Irish in 1641, and to have taken pains to form a fair estimate of the number of the victims. And that is just what I want to know - how many English perished in that atrocious affair. Some put them down at 200,000! but I think he reduces the amount. I don't want his ~~own~~ comparisons on