

If we say nothing to them
it may not occur to them
that the College ought to
~~do better~~ ^{have done it}. I have Richards
letter & if it is desirable
to wait for it, I think that
we might get an expression
of opinion from the new
Committee at their next
meeting (3rd Friday in March)
in the form of a formal res-
olution. . . Suppose the
College agree to the £25
we want, will they provide
also the cost of instruments,
as I should hardly think

Britt Castle
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My dear Fitzgerald -
At present matters
stand thus. There is
hardly £85. I have asked
three other people, a week
or more ago, & have had
no replies. I propose to
place that amount in the
Bank tomorrow in our
joint names to make that

square & write to our more
people till we see what
the College will do. Should
any other rooms come
in meanwhile I will put
them also in Bank.

I had thought of writing
to several F.R.S in
England, who are more or
less connected with Ireland
so as to have them on
the list even for very small
amounts & then try three
four Kerry & Cork landlords

to follow suit, the
matter looks however,
like very up hill work
to a total of £200
or £300. 8/24
The question now is, should
we sound the College au-
thorities at once in their
Corporate capacity. If we
enlist Sir Kelvin & others
to back us up first I fear
that we may lose our
chance of getting subscrip-
tions from them in the
event of the College declining.

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that the Govt Grant
Committee would make a
grant to the College.

If the College will take
the matter up I would
then let the subscriptions
resort to the donors -

I think that I might
write first to the Provost
& if it seems likely to
be entertained at all
we might draw up a
fuller statement for the
consideration of the Board
I think I might say

that it was in con-
-templation to approach
the Board on the subject.

I am
sincerely y^rs

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