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Rua do Visconde de Bobeda
PORTO

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Entrada para as Escolas
e outras dependencias da Igreja
RUA DO BARÃO DE S. COSME, 223

Dear Andrew,

Referring to the subject we were talking
 ever this morning, as I said, I should be very glad
 indeed to see the grant restored to your brother
 James, but I am afraid that it is useless to hope for it unless he com-
 plies with the conditions the Committee required. He knows that
 Irish if he ceased agitating against the Bishops, and gave up certain "Romish"
 (or so called "Catholic") practices which are not in accordance with
 our Articles & Rubrics, and said no more about being "Velho Catholicos"
 the grant would be restored. This question was touched upon at
 the last Synod so the Comissão Permanente could not modify it. On
 that account I see no object in having a meeting now on this matter,
 especially as the Synod meets in a few weeks. If there is any
 other matter of urgency to discuss, then, of course I would approve of
 the Comissão meeting. As for the Nogueira matter, much as I re-
 gret the action of the Bishops, it is not really the important point,
 but is only a side issue, and if the ^{other} ~~above~~ points had been settled ~~and~~
 Nogueira's license would not have been refused. x

All the portuguese ministers and their representatives (not to
 mention myself) are determined to uphold the protestant character of
 the Igreja Lusitana, and not to have anything to do with any "High" or
 "Old Catholic" party, nor to go away from our Articles & Rubrics or ad-

x but I do not think the Synod would accept him after the way he disobeyed the president.

mit priests (however liberal) who do not shew a real spiritual conver-
sion to the Gospel, ^{whom they trust} All are therefore one with the Bishops in

the lines they run on, and do not wish to change, As this is so,

would it not be better for your brother to bow to the inevitable, and
work peaceably, as we are all anxious to do, It is perfectly use-

less his trying to drag the rest where they will not go, and the re-
sult would only be prejudicial to him and us. He has a right to his
opinions and we to ours but the majority should rule, and must do,

Yours very Sincerely,

Fred W. Flower

P.S. - Do you want any of these pamphlets for your Confirmation can-
didates?

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