

Lyons 13th May 1915

My dear Anselmo

Sr Anselmo came here this morning to speak about purchasing land for a Chapel at Magdalena.

I agree with him that, under the doubtful and perhaps changeable state of the Law, it is not advisable to buy it in the name of a Comissão Substancial.

I certainly ~~will~~ ^{do not} approve of buying it in the name of Pelvert & Co. This is neither legal, nor advisable.

I recommend that the piece of land be bought in your name, if for any reason (unknown to me) you don't wish to buy in your name, then if you like, I am ready to buy it in my name.

The last time (now some time ago) when I last spoke to you about the state of affairs in the Lucitangim Church you told me that you did not think it advisable to ask for a meeting of the Comissão Permanente at Esparto as it would be best to wait until Sr Figueiredo called a meeting.

It is now over three years since the last Com. Permanente was held in at Casadal & you & Sr Figueiredo (at his request reiterated several times) appointed to promote the ordination of Sr Nogueira.

Mr Figueireda, as long as he is president, & as long as I
am alive is not likely ever to call any Synod
or Com. Permanente at Esparto for reasons you
well know.

Some one has succeeded in putting on one side, or
hiding from our Council of Bishops several Reso-
lutions ~~unanimously~~ passed by our Synod & Com.
Permanente reaffirming the Independence of the
Lusitanian Church free from foreign "oversight" or
"control," or jurisdiction, ~~and~~ putting on one side
a Memorial praying for the consecration of a Na-
tive born bishop, which was unanimously voted
to be sent to the heads of Irish Bishops at
Brough, thro' our Council of Bishops.

The president of our Synod, instructed by Mr P
does not to receive any P. C. priests, nor even those
who like Mr Joaquim were educated in a
good character & testimony. This entirely
disrupts the progress of the Lusitanian as a nat-
ional independent Church, & entirely prevents our
being recognized by the Anglican Communion.

I am old, but my conscience tells me
early, that I must make another effort to free
the Lusitanian Church from the despotism of Mr
P. I shall be greatly obliged if you
will kindly let me know the day & hour either at the Costa, or
anywhere, or here, when we can ask God's direction.
I would be glad to consult for us now as to the course to pursue.