

Villa Nova de Gaya 29<sup>th</sup> October 1912

My dear Andrew,

It is undoubtedly our duty to do our best to secure a majority at the meeting of the Commissão Permanente, which you say is soon going to be called, so I take the opportunity of reminding you to call a meeting of your junta parochial before the meeting of the Commissão Permanente to nominate another representante, as you can't depend upon the present one. Please don't forget this.

If, as you inform me, the missions at Oliveira & at Montelena are to <sup>be</sup> organized into churches, would it not be a good time also to organize the Mission at the Prado? As there is an edifício proprio, and a fair congregation, it has as much right to be organized as the other missions.

I have neither the money to pay a minister, nor any person to recommend at present, but that is no reason why the congregation should not be organized, & have a lay representative, and I continue as minister until I have some one to recommend to the Synod to be licensed by it.

Please give me your advice, & let me know your opinion on this subject? I am very pleased to say (There we can get one vote more at least.)

that the congregation at the Prado, entirely by themselves, are preparing a harvest thanksgiving service next Sunday.

Enclose a verbatim copy of the Memorial addressed to the Irish bishops with two verbal alterations which I made at your suggestion.

The Memorial was unanimously approved of by the Comissão Permanente on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 1911, but of course never sent to the Bishops, as the very Figueredo said, "it was not a good time to present the memorial."

I have another clean copy of this Memorial written in a very clear good hand on five pages of thick paper. The 1<sup>st</sup> page must be altered & addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the fifth page must of course be altered for the same reason, but it seems to me that the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> pages will do very well, so we can tell the Comissão Permanente, we only propose to send to the Archbishop of Canterbury exactly the same memorial as was approved of by the Comissão Permanente on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February of last year, & this ought to help us to get it passed.

I remain  
your most affectionate brother  
James Creswell