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(Private)

Dear Andrew,

There were two points which I forgot to mention to you yesterday, but remembered afterwards. One is that some of the members of the Comissão Permanente, in Lisbon, sent a requerimento to snr. Figueiredo asking that the Synod should be at once called for an extraordinary meeting there, to discuss the question of the sale of property at the Torre and Prado. As soon as I heard of this I wrote (on the 4th) to snr Figueiredo asking him to dissuade them because, in the first place it was not necessary and would be an expense, secondly, it would only do harm and thirdly, any meeting for that purpose should be held here in the North, not in Lisbon.

I am again writing to say that I had seen you and that they need have no fear of any sale taking place hurriedly and without all the consent of those interested. I think you will see by this that I am doing my best to keep things peacable, but unfortunately you have, as your brother James had, such a funny way of going about things that you get at loggerheads with everybody - even your own family.

The other point is that, in your letter of the 23rd. October to the Torre Junta you say that the Comissão Permanente consented to the sale of property provided it were for the benefit of your brother's family, or if circumstances shewed that it were convenient, and also if there were no legal obstacle: Comissão

This was not at all what the ~~Synod~~ Comissão decided, because these things had already been laid down by Pulvertaft & Co (the first two) and the third goes without saying; so all this was already decided. What the Comissão resolved was merely that the sale was authorized, subject to the consent of those interested; - that is, Ethel & Maggie on one hand and the Junta of the Torre on the other. As both these parties have expressed themselves against the sale and Maggie has refused to accept anything from the proceeds, the consent of

the Comissão does not hold good and is automatically withheld.

I put this before you to prevent "embrulhadas" in the future under the idea that the Comissão had given leave for the sale.

Of course all this is private between us.

Yours Sincerely,

Fred. W. Stone

P.S. - I have just spoken to Antonio Couto who says that it is true that the meeting of "despedida" to Armando was held in the União room, but only for convenience of tea, etc. and that it was not an official thing of the União but private, on his personal invitation as you would see by the card.

He says that it has been the custom on many occasions to get up things there and that you have never made any objection, nor did he suppose that you would object on this occasion.

He also says that the meeting of menbãas which you called on the Sunday before we went to Lisbon, about Armando's transference, was at his request and only after he had said that it would be convenient to discuss the matter.

I hope you will call them and come to some arrangement.