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Queimados,
Vila Nova de Gaia, 14th. Jan. 1926.

My dear Andrew,

Thank you for your note of 12th. received yesterday afternoon. I am sorry you cannot come to the meeting today, but if you left early would you not be still in time for your service?

I cannot come up to see you tomorrow but hope to be able to do so on Monday. I see what you say about Armando and, not having seen the letter, or heard what your proofs are, I can say nothing except that I think it would be a great mistake to proceed against him or make the matter public because you would gain nothing and would bring upon yourself the disapproval of all.

In the first place, the letter did you no harm because it was written to you. If it had been written to Figueiredo or anyone else calumniating you it might do ~~you~~ harm to your credit, but sent to yourself it should be treated with contempt and silence. A short time ago I received an anonymous letter about ^(Armando) him which I shewed to him and then, with his approval, I tore up.

In the second place, notwithstanding what you say, I cannot yet believe that he sent it, not only because I consider him above such things but also because he is not such a fool. What would he have to gain by it, or what good would such a thing do? On the contrary it could only do him harm in every way.

Whoever wrote that letter did it out of spite ^{or conceit} and having nothing to lose.

If Armando had wanted to harm you or justify himself he would have sent the letter to somebody else, not to you.

And thirdly; for one professing christian and minister to go to law against another for such a trivial thing as this is unworthy of your good name. It will in no way affect the larger and more serious questions at issue, mentioned in the letter, and will be looked upon as mere retaliation.

As regards having the monthly meeting at the Costa next time, I am

ready to go anywhere but I am afraid it is no use suggesting it until all these unpleasant questions are settled. Armando would certainly not go there nor perhaps some of the others. Then it is also very far for Bonaparte coming from Oliveira. The Torne is more central and common ground. I would offer my house but it would be difficult for you as there is no tram this way and the road is bad; but if you would prefer this to the Torne we can have it here next time.

Yours Sincerely,

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