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My dear Mr. Woolf,

Absence, has prevented me sooner acknowledging your kind letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> October. — I have much pleasure to hand you herewith enclosed the notices which have appeared on my book. — I shall feel obliged if you will return them to me as I have no other. — I thank you most sincerely for the advice contained in your friendly letter, which you may be sure I shall follow. — I shall have nothing to do with the Red + people unless they publicly declare their Masonic origin, and abandon their absurd pretensions and insignia, also until the Prince of Wales has actually accepted office, and even then I shall publish a plain statement of the reasons why I have been induced to accept the rank of "Honorary Patron" or "Past Grand Sovereign" (which of the two you prefer?) — Unless they publicly declare that their order is purely Masonic, change their name & insignia, certainly I shall not ally my name to that which I stigmatised as a pretence and a shame. — As I have discovered to my cost that the policy so long adopted by my family of permitting its claims and dignity to be treated



sub silentio, has been only productive of our standing the  
chance of being totally forgotten by statesmen & genealogists.  
I am taking steps to have my lineage published in the Chief  
Armorial of Europe, and as Acting Grand Master of our  
Dynastic Order, ~~and~~ <sup>shall</sup> confer ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> great care & urgency  
its Insignia upon gentlemen like you, whose energy in forwarding  
the good work I have so much at heart, may seem to  
deserve such distinction. The restriction as to ~~use~~ <sup>use</sup> expres-  
sed in the Statute, will be, as is required by present neces-  
sity, waived by special dispensation.

Perhaps you will be pleased to hear, that I have received  
very flattering autograph letters from Mr. Gladstone, Duke,  
Earl of Russell, Burke, Grey & Ripon, Sir Albert Wood, &c  
&c, acknowledging the receipt of my book.

Believe me to remain with sincere regards & esteem

My dear Mr. Wood  
Yours most faithfully  
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29 November 1870  
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