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Dear Bro Griffiths.

Your letter duly reached
me this morning -

I am very sorry to hear of
y. indisposition, wh. I
hope is passing off -

As regards the subject you
mention - I am, fully, if

not more, occupied, than I may



some years ago when I was
quite willing to let the herons
all part of P. G. M. fall
into their hands, from a
sense of my not having
time properly to fulfil its
duties. — I confess that my
kind friend (our dear friend
I shd say) made me
think sometimes that with
such aid as he cd. have



by a Stranger, I do renew
my previous Ven's expression,
but I do not at present pledge
myself to any course -

Much wd. depend upon what
I found the duties to be -
& much upon my being able
to find an active & able
coadjutor -

It is unfortunate that none of
our County Magnates have ever
taken up Masonry, & I hardly



Know what other Masons
in the Province are staying -
Sir F. Onseley might do
if he wd. undertake the
Office -

Have you thought of Sir
Officer Workeman who,
with his Brother, was a
very active Mason at
Oxford?

I shall be in Worcester

next week & may have an
opportunity of further
discussing the subject with
you -

Remembered to be
your truly
W. H. St. John

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given as D. P. G. M. I might
have been induced to accept
the office tho' it again be-
came vacant — But he alas
is gone —

Again, I do not wish to unite
with the office, ^{or} hold in the
Order of St John anything
wh: ~~of~~ is. lead to any
confusion in people's minds
as to the Order of St John
being connected with Masonry
Not that I under value Mas-
onry, but I regard the work
of the one so much more
active & practical than that

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of the Order who is more a code
of morality - based upon ancient
tradition, than a bond of union
between men of all classes for
the best of purposes - than a
definite organization for
certain specific purposes -
& requiring active personal
effort on the part of its
members -

Still, if there were no one else
in the Province who cd. properly
fill the post, & if there were
a great & general wish that
I shd occupy the position rather
than leave it to be filled