

If I determined on I think we might rely on  
150 to attend the Festival. —  
I have not seen the "Engraving". —

PROVINCE OF WORCESTER.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

William Bristow, P.P.S.G.W.,  
Grand Secretary.

HORSLEY HEATH,  
TIPTON,

Worcester, 1st April 1878.

Dear Bro. Griffiths

Thanks for your letter  
of 30<sup>th</sup> ult. —

I don't know what to  
advise with regard to Bro.  
Gregg's Dispersal fee. — I  
think it was understood  
that G.S.H. would pay it —  
but it is a bad precedent —  
I don't think Bro. Gregg will  
expect to pay it, if it was  
expected of him I think he  
should have been asked for  
it at the time of his appointment.

I am glad to hear Sir Edm<sup>d</sup>.

Lechmere has consented to accept  
the Office of P.G.M. - The P.G.M.  
was with me yesterday and  
I showed him your letter and  
he agrees with me that Sir  
Edmund is the proper man  
and I feel sure his appointment  
will give general satisfaction  
with regard to the Masonic  
body making a demonstration  
at the Festival I hardly know <sup>how</sup>  
far it would be desirable  
that we should make a  
show of crowing over the  
Dean Chapter - However  
objectionable they may have  
behaved with regard to the  
Festival it must be borne in

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mind that they have always  
 allowed us the use of the  
 Cathedral when we have asked  
 for it and it is <sup>also</sup> possible that  
 there may be differences of  
 opinion among the brotherhood  
 as to cathedrals being the proper  
 places for Musical Festivals,  
 (although I should wish you to  
 understand that I am quite  
 at one with Mr. Goldingham  
 with regard to the Worcester Festival,  
 If however P.G.H. should be  
 disposed to entertain the idea  
 I should not raise any objection  
 though I should not like the  
 Dean Chapter to regard the  
 demonstration in an unwelcome

light - There is also another point of view how far should we be interfering with the convenience of the litigants and public generally? -

Do not think I am objecting, I am only throwing out a hint or two. - The thing must be looked at from other points of view than that of a national desire to celebrate a Victory. - I don't see how it can be dealt with except in Prov. Lodge. - If determined on I shall be there (D.V.), - As to Invalidation of P.S.M. that will of course be held at Worcester and Stumpsham must wait another year - The time will rest with Sir Edmund. - I presume he will feel it desirable to have some talk with some of us previously. - Do you know how he is disposed with regard to our attending the Festival? Nothing should be determined on till we know his views. Yours truly

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