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V. D. B.

Many thanks for your very kind and paternal letter of enquiry.

I am interested in the Cornish Bank & alas as well! It could not well be otherwise here, as it is *the* Bank of the County. I shall be able to *clear* myself thanks be in full, though it will leave me little else but

"poor, *but proud*"

but the name will not be tarnished, and thanks be I shall be able to pay all claims unaided, though large sums have been offered me far and near by Brethren like yourself who know me as a *man or a Mason.*

by Prov. G. Secr. – Bro W. [illegible] is 2nd Partner in Bank, and [illegible]
Sir F. [illegible] Williams was a Partner. [illegible] has been [illegible] by bad times and *family ill-will*

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all this, moves me still more to prove worthy of my friends & God helping me I shall.

My Book is going on amidst it all, and should be ready in about a Month. It will be something different, and far superior in style to any yet issued by me, and I shall esteem it a personal favour if you can place a few copies before issue, as the subr of 1876 a copy before publn or when publd, will be better than 1876 afterwards for me, as I pay Printers & Lithographers cash on issue as usual, though it will be tight work so to do.

Yours gratefully & Sy.

W J Hughan

C C W. Griffiths Esq

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