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Dear Bro. Griffiths.

I should indeed be very sorry if I said  
anything to you on Thursday night which  
could in the slightest degree be disagreeable  
to you - At the same time I must say that  
nothing coming from me at all excited for  
your remark that I "smacked you" still left for  
the terrible threat that "you would bring me  
to open debate before the Lodge" - I did & do  
think that was a little too much to take from  
any one especially when as in this case  
there was nothing said to call for it.  
If I may not express my individual opinion  
or dissent from any thing which is proposed  
in open Lodge without my Superior or  
inferior in standing without its being looked  
on as a matter of personal feeling then  
may I not say I had better keep away from  
it altogether. And I had better do for good  
and all that which I did in the individual  
instance have to avoid unpleasantness.  
As long as I am present I claim a right  
to say what I think right especially if  
it is in correction of what I hold only true  
but know to be a mistake or misapprehension.  
Ex fr. The question of the new Sewing Brother I hold  
myself quite at liberty to point out my view

of such a case without having it thrown  
in my teeth that I was wilfully suggesting  
a Breach of the Bylaw as I must have known  
because I myself drew it. True enough I  
drew it & am therefore very reasonably  
to be supposed to understand the scope of it, that  
it refers to the Election of "the Tyler" that is of  
an existing Tyler & has nothing whatever to  
do with the question of selecting a man  
for initiation as a sowing <sup>after initiation</sup> Brother, who  
~~the~~ then only is the person to whom  
the Bylaw applies. - If the Brethren either do  
not or will not see this why I should be  
scolded because seeing I mention it. ~~that~~  
is what puzzles me. I have long had a  
growing feeling that my business in  
Lodge was not quite acceptable to  
some in general, then it was (I  
suppose) to you specially on the last  
occasion or indeed to myself at that  
time and so I cleared out of it at  
the earliest possible moment that  
I could to escape an altercation or  
perhaps a quarrel which above all  
things I detest. If there is any feeling  
of this sort on the part of any one or  
more in the Lodge please give me a  
hint & I will quickly take it and  
clear out before trouble comes.  
C.C. W. Griffiths Esq. Yours right faithfully  
W. G. G.