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FALINGE,

ROCHDALE, 25<sup>th</sup> June 81

My dear P. Deputy

I know not why I should trouble you with a letter - but some how I do think the enclosed will a little interest you - just to show - that even bad times, and the most extraordinary government that ever existed do not quite put out the light of our Craft - of course I never go near - indeed have not sat in Lodge - since you were my right hand - I can grumble as usual.

and take as much interest.  
but I am done - my back is  
as when you so kindly saw  
me a few miles on my way  
north - in health I am better -  
now how are you? do let  
me have an honest report of  
you and our good mutual  
friend T Birtles. I have had  
sad news of him - how goes  
his Intentional d. d.? if Thomas  
should tempt you ever to  
see him tell him that I  
have not quite forgotten him  
make my very kind regards  
to him also to Old Denistone  
if he remembers me -

We are now having a  
bit of summer - much shall  
I enjoy it - for the winter has  
been more than enough. I could  
not leave my house for weeks -  
indeed from 13<sup>th</sup> Sep to 21<sup>st</sup> May  
more left my garden - which is  
miserable work -

Wishing to have a line  
from you some day - I will  
bring this to an end by  
Mrs. Trods desiring me to  
express her best wishes to you  
two - my good old friends  
can believe me

Yours truly  
D. H. Trods

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FALINGE,

ROCHDALE. 8 April 82

My dear P. Dep. Pres. G. M. and  
truly good old friend -

It was indeed a pleasure for  
me - this morn. again to see the marks  
of your fist - truly do I congratulate  
you on your honour - the rank is - as  
you say - low - but it is on the G.L. ladder  
allow me to shout - I wish you well -  
it has come late, but "better late than never"  
I do indeed thank you for so kindly  
letting me know - now I must tell  
you of a like honour - not to myself  
but to my son Clement - who stepped  
into my K.I. shoes - when I was  
obliged to give up this Province as P.C.

he has to appear in G. L. & take office  
as Deacon.

How are you? hope this mild  
winter has been to you - as to me - a  
good left - all last summer I was  
but very so. so - and Dr. Poyds not much  
better - the doctor could not mend us - so  
about end of Septem<sup>r</sup> he cut with it - you must  
both go away - physics will do you no good -  
a short chat - it was Sunday evg. by help of  
H. M. P. M. & the line, a house was taken - & on  
Friday - we were nicely located at Lytham.  
my so. Clement having got a bad carriage  
for me - or indeed a carriage in which my  
own coach could be placed as when we last  
parted - when you so kindly rode with me  
from Duddly to W'hampton - that was a kind

on your part - we only returned here  
on Friday last 31 March, & the end of next  
or early the week following - we hope again  
to be at Lytham - it has done me so much  
good in health - but in limbs - as had a  
cripple as we - Lytham is but a very  
small place about 10 miles from Preston - and  
8 from Blackpool -

What sad sad changes have  
taken place since we parted - but so it  
must be - & what more life will hang all  
the closer to each other -

Your letter has quite done me good -  
as I hope you will let me hear how the  
collar fits - Mr. Teyds sends my  
kind regards - ever believe me

Yours truly  
A. H. Teyds  
P. W. Mansfield -

Too late for tonight's part  
so it must go on Sunday

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GREAT MALVERN.

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I can almost fancy I hear  
my good old rumbel  
Deft say - what this  
mark of wee - yes -  
He who has the power  
has thought right to  
try me again - & this  
time to take my very  
dear daughter - she  
was only taken ill  
about noon on  
Saturday & soon after  
five next morn. she



breathed her last.  
Oh! it is hard to part  
for she has been my  
Idol - God forgive me -  
if I have worshipped her.  
But I have loved her dearly.

Kindly tell our very  
good Brother Tristram  
and other friends, as  
you think well -  
ever believe me

Yours very truly  
Wm. Royts -

ELLERSLIE

GREAT MALVERN.

21 June 79

Falinge Lawn

Rushdale

My dear P. P. G. S. S. S.

Here we are at the  
bright day - cold - wet &  
dark as November - not as  
it was in 1816 - which I  
shall remember until moment  
is no more -

I am indeed glad  
to have a line from you -  
but do wish you had  
given better Ys of our old

March 18th  
Denon

friends - we cannot spare them  
yet - for many a long day -

You ask my opinion  
as to junction of two rivers.  
you are wrong - and had I  
held office - I would soon have  
told you my idea. 252 cog  
out - before short distance  
where you drive horizontally - may  
be a reason for some - but iron  
and steam - have cropped out  
the word distance - and stuck  
in time - and cut - 55 miles  
what are you all dreaming about -

I say at once - agree to the  
wishes of N. R. N our Grand  
Master - and if he does give  
our good Bro' G. S a bit more  
work - he must get out of bed  
a little earlier - each month.  
I do not think the craft  
would suffer - rather receive -  
it would bring in fresh blood -  
and make what work faster -  
you have but 10 lodges - you would  
be better if you had 20 - here  
we have 80 odd - & West Lancashire  
nearly as many - they can be and

are worked - and right well -  
I again say - join hand in hand -  
my great regret is - that I  
cannot help in the fur -

Schools - in my next - but  
paper - as well as some runs  
short - we believe are

Yours truly

A. W. Royds -

Again am I using black edged  
paper - the 7<sup>th</sup> time since I came  
north - one was 13 - another 34 - another  
55 - another 79 - another 80 - another 86 -  
and now 78 - there are good eyes -