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My Dear Sir,

I received your letter yesterday morning, but from my having been obliged to go down to the Piræus in the afternoon & from other avocations have been prevented from answering it till this moment.

I am glad to perceive in your letter as I hope a sincere desire that we & our families should live in that peace & good understanding together which it is clear we ought to do. And there is no one who would be more glad than myself that a solid basis for this sh^d. be laid. But before proceeding to anything else, let me observe that I had, as I conceive, a good right to feel aggrieved at your manner of quitting Athens for Crete, not only without taking a formal leave of me, but without speaking or writing a word about the conducting of the Service in my absence. I never to my recollection exchanged a word with you on the subject of your voyage, & on the Sunday before your departure Mr. Lewis, by some expressions you used, was left in ^{some} doubt whether you meant to go at all. — You however now assure me that you had not by the ^{mode of} proceeding the slightest intention of giving me

offer, but that your objection in keeping ~~silence~~ ^{silence} was to
leave me free to make my own arrangements, and I am bound
to give you full credit for your declaration: — but
it appears I was quite right in supposing that you took
this course, not from mere forgetfulness, & hurry of business,
as Miss Mulligan kindly suggested, but advisedly & design-
edly: and I was left to divine as I could what your
motives & intentions were. I felt therefore, that without
attributing motives of which I was left in ignorance, I had
at least no business to perform service in your private
house in your absence, when I was persuaded that
you had purposely kept silence with me about it,
and especially when the natural plan seemed to be
my own: — and having stated my reasons to Miss Mulligan.
In the course I resolved to take, who promised to commu-
nicate them to you, & having neither through her in
your absence, nor from yourself upon your return
received any explanation, which might lead to
a renewal of our arrangements, I could do no other
but than continue the service at my own house last

to be the natural & proper place both for Residents
& Strangers to attend, and where objections to attendance
which have certainly existed in the minds of some, might
be removed. I have therefore since receiving your
letter consulted with Sir Edmund Lyons, and am
happy to say that he kindly & cheerfully consents to
open his house on Sunday Mornings for this purpose,
and has commissioned me to propose to you to
write in a joint service there. I feel persuaded
that this is an Arrangement, which will commend
itself to your judgment, as it does to mine, as the
best that could be made; and I hope to have the
pleasure of hearing from you that this is the case.

In the mean time believe me to be

Truly yours
H. D. Seever