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March 10th. 1939

Mr. P. Shannon,

Dear Mr. Shannon,

Your letter of the 9th. inst. was duly received and I very much regret that you ask for your name to be removed from the roll of members.

We shall, of course, do as you ask if you insist, but before doing so, perhaps you may care to inform us of your reasons for so insisting. It may be possible for us to relieve your mind of any doubts or anxieties about the objects or personnel of the Anti-Partition of Ireland League which you hold. I might mention that some other members have approached us to inquire whether there was any connection between us and the perpetrators of the recent bombing outrages or whether the allegations against the Manchester Partition of Ireland League, reported in recent issues of the Catholic Herald, applied to us in any way and we were able to convince them in both cases of our freedom from any extremist infiltration.

I have looked up the files and I find that you were one of our original members which makes your desire to resign all the more difficult for us to understand. If you should care to see the Hon. Secretary or myself, before you insist on resigning, I can assure you that either of us will be extremely glad to talk the matter over with you; and I do not think I am being too sanguine when I say that we can convince you of the complete independence of the Organisation. I occurred to me that you may not wish your name to appear publicly in our membership roll but that difficulty can be easily overcome.

I hope I have convinced you of our sincerity in desiring you

to continue as a member. I do not believe that if you considered your resignation in the light of a blow to this final effort of the Irish nation to obtain justice you would insist on it for one moment. I sincerely trust that you will grant the Hon. Secretary or myself the opportunity of a personal interview.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Assistant Secretary of the
Anti-Partition of Ireland League.