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My Dear Tom

Many thanks for your letter of June 12th.

I regret to note the state of the Leagues finances, but am not surprised. From the very start I told P J Little that, under the conditions he outlined, success was not possible. My opinion was, and is, that no organisation of this nature could be self supporting here under present conditions & refused to undertake any obligations of office unless the basis was altered.

On his return from Ireland, P.J. told me that Dublin could not agree on my basis, & I told him that he must therefore count me out because I had neither the time nor the inclination to put in hours of work on an organisation doomed, in my opinion, to failure from the start. Under extreme pressure, I agreed to undertake the duties of “Nominal Chairman” until Christmas last, and then resign. IRA activities here, however, caused me to defer my resignation because I thought that perhaps the League might get raw attention. As it has happened, I might have carried out my intention without fear of any consequence to anyone.

I thank you for the extract from your report, and can sincerely say that I am in complete agreement with every word of it, and am therefore asking you to tender my resignation to the Council. My only regret is that of losing touch with members of the Council, for whom I have conceived a sincere regard. I would like to keep contact in some way, and my house is open to you all at any time. May I give you, in parting, a word of advice? Wind up the League in its present form, and send in the account to P J Little. Matters will get worse in time, & you had better face up to it now.

It might be possible to keep the Council together in another form until (if ever) Dublin agrees to carry out the job as it should be done.

I am at your service in any way provided you do not want me at Committee meetings!

With best of good wishes to you all.

I remain very sincerely yours,

M Barry Hannigan