

APPENDIX.

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To John McMurray, G. W. P. of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia.

SIR,—

As the head of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia, I beg to inform you that I feel myself aggrieved by the late action of Albert Division, S. of T., in the following matter, and claim the constitutional privilege of appealing therefrom (of which regular notice has been given,) to the Grand Division, about to meet in Lunenburg, and of having the same brought fully under review, and decided upon during the session referred to.

From the position in which I now stand, I am precluded from access to the records of Albert Division, and am therefore unable to give the dates of the circumstances and facts of the case, in the order in which they arose; but am in hopes that I shall be enabled to give such a detail of the leading facts as will enable you to lay the matter fully and properly before the Division, and trust that no informality or unintentional mistatement will be the means of preventing a full and proper investigation of a matter of not only great importance to myself, but I apprehend of great consequence to the Order.

Some time during the past summer, a question arose between myself and Messrs. S. & S. Kempton of Milton, in this County, one of whom is a member of Albert Division, relative to my liability to pay a debt incurred some three or four years previous by one John Sheffer. I wholly denied and do still deny my liability either in law or equity to pay the debt in question. A portion of the Division considering the Division a proper tribunal to decide the question, a charge was preferred against me in which it was alleged that I had refused to pay an honest debt, if I mistake not. I as a matter of course protested against the right of the Division to call me to account, or interfere in a matter in which my private business was concerned,—a committee however was appointed to investigate the matter, who reported that I should pay the sum of twenty pounds to the Messrs. Kempton or be expelled. This report not being acted upon, the Division appointed another committee in the matter who reported that I should consent to leave the difference to arbitration. Although protesting against the right of the Division to insist upon