

S.C.  
Charleston, 15th July 1822  
To J. J. J. Gourgas Esq.  
Respected Brother,

Sart. De La Motta desired me to write you individually upon the subject of the Higher Degrees of Freemasonry. In compliance with his desire, I forward you this by the hands of Mr. Coleman who has this Spring been initiated to 18th or those Croix Degree in our Body. As he is a late made Brother, he is not probably so fully acquainted with all the items of the dispute which we have, for the present, silenced in <sup>this</sup> quarter. J. Cerneau's friend in this city - P. Javain - has been so worried in the contest and deterred by his party - as to quit his business (a grocery) and has gone on to N. York for some assistance in supporting his wanton attack upon us. All will remain at peace until his return.

We, under our Charter of 16th or P. J. J. wrote your Council to be acknowledged as such by you, as such acknowledgment would prove useful to us in maintaining the legal cause which we are engaged in. Sart. De La M. promised to deliver the letter and make any explanations which might be required - we have received no answer yet - I should feel happy to answer any enquiries, or give any information upon the subject - and I shall feel pleased if, Sir, you will individually (or if your Council have met, Officially) answer me upon the receipt of this by Mail - and give your opinion freely upon the subject - adding any observations and giving any hints which can be of any use to us, in this cause - we shall most cheerfully listen to



any communications which you may be inclined  
to make — a cooperation in this cause will  
be of very essential service to it.

I am requested to present Sact. D. La M.,  
best respects — he has departed for Savannah  
in good health —

I am with respect sincerely

Yours

W. Holbrook

P.S. I have mislaid your address —

My own is "Sact. W. Holbrook

Broad Street

Charleston



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Thos Holbrook  
per <sup>me</sup> Lewis to  
Relating J. J. J. G.  
to Sup: Council  
33.  
of Dalcho's conduct  
H. H. H.

Byd. Coleman Recd: 24 Jan 23

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