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Dear Sir. I received your favor of the 27th inst. this morning per mail. The package you delivered into the hands of Mr. C. Matthews for me was duly received, and I doubtless owe you an apology for not acknowledging the receipt yet sooner. On the 17th inst. I prepared an answer, and put it up with some other letters designed for New York to be forwarded by Mr. M. Van Guesling of this City who had made arrangements to go to New York on the 18th inst. but could not leave home until this morning in consequence of the illness of his mother. I expected to have been able to send you by this opportunity the Egypt. mys^s which I promised, but the man copying it, has not yet finished it, you may however expect it in the course of a week. Believ^e Col. Campbell remained in Albany longer than he intended which is the reason perhaps why you did not receive the continuation of the Tableau as soon as expected. I shall try to send you a tableau in due form when our G. Council of S. of J. meets next winter provided we are successful enough in procuring a meeting. My dear Sir, you who are so far removed from the scene of strife & confusion, can form no adequate idea of the great depression (to use the mildest term) the whole order suffers under in consequence of that detestable Morgan affair. ^{That} Many persons have denounced this institution, and vouch for the truth of Morgan's book, is

but a small item in the list of grievances we now experience.
The discovery of a body presumed to be Morgan's (but I
believe it is not) has given to the malcontents new cause
of triumph. Col. Jewett S. Master of "Hates' Lodge of Perfection"
in Onondaga Co, I have just been informed by Dr. Bradley member
of said Lodge, is labouring under a typhus fever and his life
is despaired of. Br. B. has secured his M.D. - B. informs that their
Lodge has had no meeting since last winter in consequence
partly of the Morgan concern, which is mingled with the politics
of the day. The distinctions of Federal & Republican, back-
-tail & Clintonian &c are all merged into those of "masonic"
and "anti-masonic".

I haste your friend

G. J. H. P.



P.S. I am much indebted to you for your very
acceptable present of the History of the Templars. For
the Thilleren I must account to you. I have ascertained
the name of the proprietor of the apparatus for mul-
-tiplying copies of writings through Dr. Fuller of this city
who returned from New York a few days ago. The proprietor
is Joshua Melvin No 84 Maiden Lane, If I could receive the appara-
tus price \$6⁵⁰ by Mr Van Gynsling, who will stay at Simon
Van Antwerp No 5 BarclaySt shall be gratified, I shall consider myself
under additional obligations to you. G. J. H.

Mr Van Gynsling has promised to call for the package at Mr
Melvin's, so that you will be saved the trouble of calling upon
Mr Van Antwerp

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