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Mr. Allen (Brother)

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(Your favor of the 15th inst. came to hand this morning). The "official letter," and my answer to your favor of the 23rd ult^o were sealed up together in a package a few days ago, and given to Mr. (Mr. B. Walton of your city) with directions to leave the same in your post office for you. The package was too large to send by mail, and Mr. Allen (as Post-Master) is not permitted to frank packages weighing more than an ounce. Perhaps Mr. Walton has neglected to place the package in the Post-Office for you. You will be able to find him, if necessary, if I inform you that he is one of the firm of Peck, Walton & Farley No. ... Front-Street."

I think with you that a due explanation will reconcile all existing difficulties. Rest assured dear Brother, that your willingness to assist us in our masonic concerns, is duly appreciated. I am sorry that I shall not have it in my power to confer with you personally (as I would be happy to do) for some time to come.

With much respect I remain

Yours fraternally
G. L. Bates

Turn over

P.S. I don't exactly understand what you mean by
making you "Gr. Consistory the true & just representative of
the whole northern District" &c. I have been learnt by the
"Documents" published under the sanction of the Supreme
Council of the 33rd & at Charleston & from the members
of that council that since the establishment of Supreme Councils
(though Grand Consistories were sovereign ^{& superintending} bodies before) Consistories
were subordinate to the Supreme Council chartering them, & that
such Supreme Council was the only governing superintending
& sovereign body. A. J. F.

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