

Charleston 2th January 1830

To J. G. Gourgas - Esq. K. H. x. x. x. x. x. x. x.

Thrice Illustrious Brother,

Your kind favor of 24th ultimo together with the expelled Barnard's light on Masonry safe expelled Masons can say the most against the Order for Elder B. acknowledged in his Preface that he was expelled from the Order - and all his notes are garbled - one sided and unfair - I got out of Dr J. H. Miller the Order of the Holy Cross as it was contrived in New York - June 1 1828 - Elder Barnard reasons much against Masonry on account of this same degree - Now I think that Miller may be some relation to David Cade Miller of Batavia and is perhaps an Antimason in disguise - he received Charity of the Companions of the Royal Arch - while in ^{Charleston}

I feel sincerely obliged to you for your kind offer - I am really happy that you are willing to undertake the trouble ^{to reply to Gr. O.} It shall not be many days before I will forward our ideas for a reply

I will tomorrow try Barker again - the man is not honest - Masonic Pillars however are done over in this part of the world - we will have no more of them

Bro Moultrie told me he would accept the *Concurrence* but he has not given me his reply yet to the Gr. Orient of Paris - I suppose I shall have to write his reply -

at the top of Page 21 (24th June 1829) Br Housman of honorable memory deposited in the Secretariat a bundle of masonic papers (beginning of August 1827) sealed with many seals with this superscription - "The Mason who confided this deposit, desires never to be known" - I cannot recollect why such silence should have been observed nor why it should take nearly two years to decide upon a negation so much more important as it fortifies the legality of of the jurisdiction of the G. O. over all the degrees of the Scotch Rite, see page 20)

Antimasonry is rolling along its waves to this state a few pious hypocrites are very busy and meddling with concerns but it is not likely to make much head way from present appearances - some Quakers in Breches as well as some in petticoats are very busy distributing Anty tracts - I understand that a great Convention of anti delegates from every state in the Union is to assemble in New York next September which will upset every mason whether Greek, Turk or Christian -

Now it rather excites a smile than any anger to see how well the world will be hereafter governed by these Censors of the world.

I have the honor to remain sincerely
 your grateful friend & Brother
 W. Holbrook

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