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Copy of a letter written by the most
illust: Brother Frederick
Dalcho of South Carolina
and addressed to the illust: Bro:
Anthony Lewis Moret of
New York.

Charleston Geo

May 2^d. 1815.

illustrious Brother,

The return of our illustrious
Brother Simson to New York affords me an
opportunity to reply to your favour.

The character of the Supreme Grand
Council of the 33^d degree, holding its sittings in
this city can not be affected by any thing that vice
or ignorance may for sinister purposes, be em-
boldened to say against them they rest satisfied
with the consciousness that they have been establi-
shed by constitutional authority & have exercised
the powers with which they are invested, for the
good of the masonick world, and so far as re-
gards my self, as an individual member of the
Council, it is a matter of perfect indifference to
me, whether surreptitious masons believe in its
existence or not. There were those who hated
Aristides, because he was called the Just; &
there are those who are willing to undermine the
fabrick whose summit they can not reach, &
to destroy the reputation, which they have no virtue
enough to acquire.

In answer to the several queries
which you have put to me. I beg leave to reply

That the Supreme grand council of the 33^d
degree in this city have from their first establish-
ment until this day continued to meet for the dis-
patch of business, whenever it was deemed ne-
cessary. That the council has never been dissolved,

That the furnitures & decorations of the Council have never been sold, and as the Council has never been in debt no Cause for such a precedent could exist

That the members of the Council are neither separated nor dispersed, that five members are constant residents of the City & one other within a few miles of it, there are three vacancies which the Council have not been in a hurry to fill up from prudential motives, they will take care to have no impostors among them

That I have not abandoned the Council but have been present at most if not all their meetings & am still the Lieut. Grand Commander, which of course I could not be if I had abandoned them; It is true however that the importance of my professional duties prevents me from devoting as much of my time to masonick pursuits as I did some years ago, but my wishes for the prosperity and honour of the mystick family remain undiminished

And Lastly that Bro. De La Motte is highly respected by the Council, is no impostor either as a Gentleman or a Mason & that the Council are about to meet to take into consideration some communications which he will make to them

Yours very Respectfully

The illustrious Brother
A. L. Moret Esq

Fred^d Dalcho

I do Certify the above a true and Correct Copy Word for Word of the Original, address'd to me by the illust. Bro. Frederick Dalcho, on the second of May last, which will stand Carefully kept in my hands.

New York July 1st 1815.

A. L. Moret

Charleston, S. C. May

1815

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to

H. S. Horat

a Certified Copy