

Charleston - 19<sup>th</sup> April 1828 -

To J. J. Gourgas esq. ac. &c.

M. Illustrion Br.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and accompanying documents of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst - Br McCosh arrived in town last evening - I really hope the respectful reply to your last official Ballaster will soon be forwarded -

Of the antimasonic concerns in the Western part of your state - I am surprised that such low blackguard language such flimsy sophistry can find readers - The writers against Freemasonry are worse than cut throats inquisitors or Jesuits - they manifest all the beautiful traces of Heart & benevolence of mind that guided a Marat, and a Robespierre - and depend upon it - the Guillotine is an instrument they long to use - But when such newspapers can find 2000 subscribers for their support - the Gold mines of N. Carolina are a trifle to the mine which Morgan has proved to his followers - they make Masonry just what they please and then reason against it at large in real low lived language - I hope it is not replied to in the same ungentlemanly style - It really marks a narrow minded, bigoted people fond of vulgarity in that part of the state - I think they are overdoing the thing and that a reaction will take place, and eventually a real

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a real advantage will result to the Society. I am  
obliged to you for the loan which I return in  
company with this letter. The document of Mr  
Moret will soon follow. I rejoice that the light  
is breaking in upon 9.0 p.m. I am about moving  
into my House 64 Queen Street. I hope it will be  
the last remove. It is very wearysome. If not burst  
out or overturned by some convulsion of nature, it  
will be my residence for the rest of my days. On  
this account (the removing) I shall ask a few days before  
I shall be prepared to return the document of Mr Moret.

Mr McDonald loaned the little documents which you  
wish to a gentleman at Beaufort and has tried to  
get them back, but has hitherto failed. They are  
however promised very soon and shall immediately  
set sail for N. Y. as I can get hold of them.

Of the Peter Jarvis concern. I hear nothing.  
They have never met since Mr Charles Tucker did  
who was their chief. Their curtains are all pulled  
down and piled away. They are pretty much done.

Could we contrive to have our <sup>Supreme</sup> Councils inserted  
in the Paris Register, it would at once do away  
with all their pretensions. They being omitted.

Mr Whiting is a learned man and a gentleman. I am sorry  
that he has to suffer. I am always opposed to these gratis  
try. They rarely make good members, and they generally  
receive good salaries besides.

I remain with respect and esteem  
your obliged friend  
Moses Holbrook

Charleston 19<sup>th</sup> April  
1828.

James Holbrook

Recd 28<sup>th</sup>

knowing I was  
in removal  
to 64 Duress St.

To J. A. G. Gaugan, Esq -  
Merchant  
New York  
per packet  
28<sup>th</sup> 29.