

To J. J. Gougeon Esq - Merchant W. 4
Charleston, 30 March - 1829

Most Honorable Sir and Brother,

Your favors of the 7th inst. are duly received - I have not done my duty in my last - by omitting to say that the S. Council one and all expressed great satisfaction and thankfulness at sight of the handsome reply to Paris and also for the uncommonly neat and handsome manner in which it was copied, ready for our signatures - I regret the Omission - but you must have thought very uncivil to neglect it - I must take all the blame.

Old DeGraffe must be in his dotage to ask such blank powers of us - I am pleased at the manly & spirited reply - I must ask a few days more to use it when I will return it in safety - I took the opportunity in mentioning it to Mr. Balcho to ask how Mitchell got the 33^d - he replied he could not - he could not recollect - but he translated it for him and believes he told him that he (Mitchell) had signed some obligation in French for it - he thinks it came from some ^{Prussian} ~~French~~ who was in Charleston - who was authorized to communicate to him - but he has a

very indistinct recollection of matters which occurred 28 years ago - of records he cannot exactly tell what has become of them - I am unable to get at names and other circumstances which would throw more light - the famous answer of the Italian Servant before the Parliament of England upon the Queen's trial "non mi ricordo" is a complete stop to all accuracy - any further information which I may be able to obtain I will forward to you.

To make the reply to de Grop's letter which you kindly offer, it will be proper to make a few extracts from his letter to you.

I am occasionally a sufferer from the Dengue my hands are often so swollen that I cannot write when I should otherwise wish to -

I remain yours with many thanks
with respect and esteem

W. Hallbrook

Charleston
30th March
1829
James Holbrook

Recd. 6 April

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To J. J. Young, Esq.
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