

Charleston - 29th Nov - 1827

Most Illustrious Sir & Br.

Your valuable documents by the President - the "Cahier du G. J. G. 33^{me} et Dernier Degré" and letter dated 22^d instant are safely in my hands for the which I beg you to accept our sincere acknowledgments. As far as I can learn of the Degree which Col. Mitchell used to confer from, is now in the hands of Br Barker at Col. Mitchell's decease, gross negligence on the part of several Inspectors who were on the spot, allowed a part of his papers to pass into the hands of J. C.'s friend Peter Javain - the other papers passed into the hands of his son in law ^{Br} Wm M. Dyre who had all the mss. including 33^d - a young Brother mason from Alabama was intimate with Br Dyre and stole the 33^d Degree from him and carried it with him to Alabama - At my request Br Barker went there last Spring and he writes me that Br McFarland gave him up the Original and a Copy which he had made. Br Barker has been very sick or you would have seen him long ere this - I shall write him to forward the two to you that after you have examined them they may be forwarded to me -

With regard to copying the orders of Timplar, &c they are the property of this Supreme Council of 33^d and all our Inspectors read them upon the strength of the 33^d obligation - and I cannot imagine any

any reason why your Inspectors may not have the perusing
of them - I am glad to hear there is a chance to defend Count
de Grasse - if living, I do not understand why he does
not reply to our addresses - The making Prince Joseph
Gr M. who had never been initiated may do for a French
man - but the obligations of other nations sit more closely
upon them - I have the 8 volumes of "Annales Malouquet"

I wish the Br. A. S. Moret success in his exer-
tions to extend the genuine principle at Paris -

I cannot imagine any unpleasant consequences that
can arise from your having copies of Templar, &c.
for the use of the Supreme Council of 33^d only or its
members; - we have or did have the old Catholic way
of conferring all the Orders - I believe Br Colburn
of Claiborne of Alabama has the full set in French

Should you give any package to Br Thorpe
master of the Packet - - - (I forget the name, &
I believe I made a blunder in the name of the Cart for
packet I sent by to you) Br Thorpe (Joel) told
me he would deliver it in safety to me - It of-
fered to call, but did not know the street nor
number to tell him exactly -

In haste, I remain your obliged and
sincere friend

Moses Holbrook

To J. J. Gourgas Esq.

Charleston 24th Dec^r
1827.

Profes Holbrook

Recd. 4th Jan^y.

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