

113. Chorlton Road
Manchester, July 2nd 1869.

Richard Woof Esq.

Dear Sir & Brother—

At length I have a spare five
minutes in which to thank you for
the great kindness you have done me
in giving yourself so much trouble in
the correction of my proof.

The last proof is now set, though I
am much disappointed with the
paper on which it is to be printed.
The Prince R. suggests it should be
ribbed white paper, & I will see what
can be done tomorrow. I am ordering
100 Copies for private presentation
(without the O.G. Conclave Report) &
am inscribing the work to
Mr. Roper: to whose appearance I
suppose its appearance is, in
some measure, due.

Prince R. Says he will send a Copy to the British Museum, as I told him I should not do so, as I did not consider it worth while.

Little wrote the other week to ask me what members of the Jerusalem & Jerusalem Red Cross, whether they were created without ritual, whether they were created by the Prince or how - stating that they had no wish to call in question Peter Stronny.

I said that a few leading Masons would take the Cross only from Prince R - but that hitherto no one had been made out of his own family, that we would see what the Masonic Order was likely to do.

I saw Prince R. this afternoon - he expressed himself perfectly satisfied with my ^{thoughts} ^{as a} ^{very} ^{strong} ^{family} Nobleman's ^{proofs} - & is about to write to his father - I suppose to see what he could do. I suppose he thinks there will be no difficulty, as he has

How's authority was the same as my
own - viz: - The Statement of some
Anonymous correspondent 10¹² years ago
in the Freemason Magazine. As
it was made whilst Bro. Hyde Clarke
was a contributor, I feel assured he
will know something about it - and
more particularly as he was well acquainted
with his late P.M. In a few days
will write to enquire whether he knows
anything at all about it.

Brooke & myself were both very much
inclined at one time to consider the
Prodicreans & the Templars as
an identical association - I am quite
clear the former brought Freemasonry
into its present shape, & I consider
the identity of the R + the Templars
to depend upon whether the Templar
Connection with F.M. is old, or
comparatively modern.

See Morley's life of Cornelius Cyrenian

gone over the particulars of patent - & the form of Jewel
with me - & talks about presenting ^{you} some time, though
if any other Rights are created, I should wish to let
them pay for them own, as it would make a
fortune alone for jewels. I am arranging where Prussia R -
passed through ^{the 3 degrees in one journey in Edinburgh.}

The only difficulty seems to be a diffidence lest he
render himself ridiculous by setting up a Chapter - But
as the order is hereditary in the family of
and as any other Emperor occupying Constantinople
could have no right - I do not see how this could
be so - Advised to this the fact of their being a
Masonic order without Statute - which members of
that order are wishful he should combat.

Regarding the fact Statement about The Duke of Saxe
- the Emperor Alexander - The Ministry of England - Nancy

1. Shirley Davis to have had in 1670/90. Chapter of St. John the Temple.
2. Seaton the Grand Prior, goes abroad with Wm. Seston Knight.
3. The Holy Cross brotherhood comes an improved form about 1620 in Germany.
4. The first Premonstratensian (Cistercian) is the last Premonstratensian, & firstmost Chapter of Cabalism & Premonstratensianism, between 1720/30 - an over & over again brought against the craft.
5. We have a Simplician rite (Latin) and a King's Craft rite, almost identical.

Book is on the whole a most accurate writer - & I have no doubt that there is such a thing as the 1722 Prussia's Constitution mentioning the High degrees, & a Janus 111 warrant of 1721 or 1731. - Book however wrote to me directly after the first statement, informing me that he had examined it with a very powerful glass, &

touched for its being a unquestionably
genuine document of 1721. For Rose +
Demplar R. #.

I can see no reason for the Separation
of the Royal Arch from other degrees
above the Craft - one is as old as
as old as the other. But the difference
lies in the narrow policy of G. L. G. G.,
You may be an infidel in the Craft,
or a Jew in the Arch, but as a
Christian in the higher grade, you
are out of the pale of Murray. In
fact Christianity is the only view
Grand Lodge will not tolerate -
I wonder whose mind has been so
forcibly impressed on Modern Free-
-Masonry, of the G. L. ?

I am glad to see that you are
having a Commandery established
in Warwickshire of the Order of St. John.
If I mistake not Dr. W. Beckman
is a brother Mason - of Rhod-

- you can also give him the Red Cross
You might give him a good thing
as an Honorary Knight of the Order -

I know he would appreciate it -
if ^{the dignity} ^{was suited} ^{to his title}.
I now know also that his pedigree
is little for 500 centuries ^{and} ^{is} ^{imparting}
good. - He tells me Dr. Jackson J.
Howard his printing is in Genealogy
& Heraldica - That in addition
he is having copies struck off for
private presentation. - He informs
me they are pretty wealthy, but
that previously to 1828, they owned
nearly all Asia, were immensely
rich - but that the Turks then
drove him out, in an attack &
killed his grandfather - That the
high class Greeks are now in the favor,
that the 1. Napoleon backed them out,
but the only chance lies in a European
war - though with 10 iron clad he
could drive the Sultan out.

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As I have ordered the Printer to set
of my pamphlet
We have 100 Copies at my own
address. I hope to have a dozen
Copies to send on to you, during
next week.

Fraternallly Yours

John Parker.

P.S. The Freeman I see
reports the last meeting of the Order
of St. John in England.

J.P.

I will write you in a day or two —
I find your name is spelled wrong
in the proof you have — This will be
altered, & I am giving the full title
of your work — I am making nearly
all your alterations done also Printer's
suggests — in ~~is~~ conscientiously writing your book.
& I have a Carte in the order of Contribution

for you. He is writing his father about
you & me - & intends presenting one
Guest of the Order, & has asked me for
my pedigree proving nobility for descent,
(all I can do is to refer him to Burke)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right.



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