

Prince Hall Letters

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Original Spellings

Transcripts of Prince Hall Letters

The
General Regutations of the Afr'ican Looge

1

As all Mosons are obliged to obey the morral law
we therfore Exclud from this Lodge all stupid
Athest and Irreligious libertines : yet at the same
time we alow everey man to Inioy his one Religion
so that thay be men of Honesty and Honour & free born

2

We admeet none but thouse who are of a Peaceble
subjects to the civeil Powers were they live
free from all plots and conspiraies against
the peace of the same

3

No member of this Lodge is sufered to be absent
therefrom when worned to appear without given
sum Good Reson for his so doing or Pay the sum of
three shillings as a fine to the Lodge

4

We admete none into this Lodge under the Age of
twentey one and haveing a tung of a Good Reporte
for this Reson no man can be admitted a member ^{of} the
same till he hath ben propounded at lest one mounth
that the Brethren may inque'ire into his charectter

5

All perferment amonge us is by real worth and personel
merit only for fear of Slander being Brought upon the
Nobel order and a Disgrace to our Lodge

6

No man can be admitted a member of this Lodge for
les money than three pounds and tow Good Bondsmen for
his Good behover within and without the Lodge

7

When me^{at} in the Lodge we forbed all Perfain Langag^e
all indecent behaver in the Lodge under the Pelentey
of paying to the Lodge the sum of ten shittings and be
leiabel to be expeal'd for six monts

There and all other Laws that the Lodge shall think
 Proper to make you are to observe as true and
 sencear men from God that the Nobel Craft may
 not be Desgraced by your bad conducte by thouse
 that ore Without ; A man so let Be Prince Hall M^r
 in the Lodge Rume Boston January 15 5779
 and in the year of our Lord 1779

The subscribers ar a Lest of the membres

Masters

Cyrus Forbes	
Thomes Sarndson JW	Intered a Prenteses
Brister Slzener	
Prince Taler	Cuf Buffom
Boston Smeth SW	Ponnmes Speer
Fotain Howord	Phiplep Boston
John Carter	Seoczes Speer
John Meanes	Coto Rusel
Cato Underwood S [†]	Forches Cudmerch
Jube Hill T ^r	John Bown
William Gorge Gregrey	Sipeo Lard
Gorge Medelton JD	Bristol Merrandy
Boston Fadey	Jemes Smeeth Slavd
John Brown SD	James Horkens Slavd
Retcherd Pollord Mershel	
Ceser Speer PM	
Prince Spooner	
John Hopte	

These are a true Lest
 of the Leving member of
 the Africon Lodge at Present[†]
 thou there is a number absent
 at this time: We shall
 Collect for the found of
 Cherrety the Next Quartly
 meeting and send it the
 first opertunity We can get
 afterwords

Craftes

Ceser fleet
 Sipeo Dolton Clerk
 Cear Cambel
 Pompey Seads Tiler

After Whishing His Royal Highnes Our ^{Nobel} Grand and
 the Grond Lodge all Happness Hear and hereafter
 I Humbley Beg Leve to subscribe my self your Hum^{ble}
 Servent & B^r Prince Hall

M^r Moody

Most W Master

Sir Permite me to Returne you my Hearty thanks for your for your Brotherly [...] two Brothers Reed & Menes when in a strang Land and when in a time of neade you was so good is to Recve them as Brotheres and to Treet them ^{so} cindely as thay inform me you dide What you have done to them I Luck upon as done to me ^{and the Hole of us} for which I give you meney thanks; and Likewise to all the Lodge I hope thay Behaved them selves as men and as Masons with you, if not I would Be Glad if you would Be so Good as to Let me know of it and thay ^{shall} Be Delt with accordingly; - Dear B^r I would inform you that this Ladge hath Bin Founded almost this Eaght yeeares and had no Worrent yet But only a Premete from Grand Master Row to Walk ^{on St Johns Dayes} and to Burey our Dead in forme; which we now Injoy: We have had no opertunity tell now of apling for a Worrent thou we were Preste upon to send to France for one But we Refues'ed it for Resons Best nown to our selves we now aupley to the Fountain from whome we Recved Lights for this faver; and Dear Sir I must Bege you to Be our advocate for us By sending this our Request to His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland Grand Master And to the Right Honourable Earl of Effingham Acting Grand Master: the Deputy G Master and G Warden and the Rest of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge; that thay Would gracusly ^{be} Pleas'd to Grante us a chater to Holde this Lodge as Long as we Behave up to the sprite of the Constitution This our Humbel petechon we hope His Highness and the Reste of the Grand Lodge will gracusly Be Pleas'd to Grant us there

Thou Poor yet Sencear Brothren of the Creft and therfor in Duty Bound ever to pray - I Beg Leve to subcribe my self your Loving Frind and Brother - Prince Hall Master of the Efrican Lodge No 1 June 30 1784 in the year of Masnery 5784 in the Name of the holl Lodge C. Undewod Secerterey

Reverse SideAddressed to: M^r Moody

Annotation: Petition for Constitution
Lodge at Boston

Boston September 22 1785

May it Please your Royel Highness: to Permit us your Humble Brethren of the Africⁿ Lodge to Return your Royal Highness the War^dens and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge under your Royel Highness Charge our Humble Thanks for your goodness to us in granting us a charter from your venerble and Honorable Lodge for which we Pray Almighty god ever to Bless and Pre^sarve till time shall be no more: and from time to time grant your Royel Highness and that Noable socity that you may allways mentain that Bles^sed spirit of our ever Blessed Grand Master Jesus Christ who thou he stiles himself King of Kings and Lord of Lords yet he is not ashamed to ^{call} the true Members of his Fraternity his Beloved Brethren: and such a conde^{ingn} spⁱrit as this your Royel Highness with the Grand Lodge hath abundently menefested to us in Honring us your onworthi members of the Chraft with a charter this your Beneverlence to us will not only be Recved by us with Love and grateud but will convence the Blind World that true Masonry hath somthing in it Divin and Noble and Diffuses universal Love to all mankind: and now may it please your Royel Highness: we shall allways make it our study to keep ou^er selves whithin the bounds and Lemites of ouer nobel constitu=
=tion and under your Wise Derections as ouer Parent ^{Grand} Lodge we shall always Cheefully obey your Deretolions which you may from time to time be pleas'd to send us: I shall for ^{my} part as Long as I shall have the Hon^our of Felleing the cheear shall ^{all}ways in Dever to give thouse Lectteors as shall be most bennefechel ^{to} there Light and Knowledg: &c after whiching your Royel Highness and all your Elustres Feameley all the Blessing of Prences hear Below you may Rain as King and Priest in the World above and may the Grand Lodge keep such a Lodge hear ^{below} that thay keep a everlasting aboce for ever more: is the earnest Whech and prayer of your Humble and obedent servent and Brother

Prince Hall

Wrapping

Addressed to: To His Royol Highness
Henry Fredrik
Duke of Cumberland
H: G: &c and Grand
Master of the Antient
And Nowble Society
Of
Free and Accepted Masons
London

Annotation: Boston 22^d Sept^r 1785
Prince Hall

Williom White E^{sq}

Worshipfull sir I recved the constituon
 together with your your Recep for the payment
 for it by the Hand of Cap^t. scott for which I
 together with the Lodge do Return you our
 thanks; we should have taken it up tew
 years ago had the person we Deleverd the
 money to don as he orte, but the money
 was suffeald away and we have last
 the ^whowl of it; which is a grate Lose to
 us; I shall send a coppey of our by Laws togeth
 =er with a last of the Lodge to ouer Right
 Worshipfull Grand Master and by the grace
 Of God shall indever to fullfeal all that
 Is Requeir'd of me in the charter; and as I
 shall make the constitution my gide I hope
 we shall adorn ouer prafeson as Mosons;
 After whicking Love Peace and Happ^enese to
 the Holle Fe^tternity all rond the Globe and
 to you and yours I Beg leve to subscribe
 my self your Humble and Loving Brother
 Prince Hall

Liveing in Woarter Street at the sine of the
 Golden Fleec in Boston were our Lodge is now
 held May 16 1787

PS: as this Lodge withoute Dute meoy
 Increes to such a number as may not be
 convent for us to set in one Lodg: I shold ^{glod} be
 to no the minds of the Grand Lodgs Wether
 This carter will ampouer us to set apart
 another by the same name as seckent
 Lodge

Reverse Side

Addressed to: For
 The Worshipfull
 William White &c E^{sq}r

Annotation: Boston 16 May 1787
 African Lodge N^o. 459

Ans^d.

Rowland Holt Esq D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England
 Right Worshipfull sir. as in duty bound we now send you an account of ^{our} precdings
 of the year past; which we fletter ourselves hath ben approved of by our
 most cures spectaters without dores : as I have maid it my study to
 ceep that order and deception and hearmony whithin the Lodge as
 I hope will meet with our Roy^{al} Grand Masters your Worship the Warding
 the rest of the members of the Grand Lodges Apprabation. We have
 Initiaed into the Lodge sence July the 6 1787 to this time foure members
 Namley Matthew Cox a melato man aged 22 years old on the 11 of December
 Gorge Meller 24 and Joshep Hicks 23 on the 24 James Hicke 25 years
 all Black men and of good charecters and we hope will make good men.
 But we have bin under the Desegreable nessety of Exp^elling from the
 Lodge Prince Spooner or Lasley for Refuweing to pay for these three
 years anething to soport the Lodge in anney manner whatever tho
 ben often admonished and intreeted to compley with our just demands
 yet he behaved himself stubern and ^{bid us} Defience ; Also John Means
 for maney dishonorable and Base actions borth within and without
 the Lodge; he being secretary of the Lodge. We have ben Deprived
 By Death of three of our Brethren the year past Nam^ely Pompey Eodes
 Welleam Henrey Gregrey and Bristol Slenzer one of our Brothers Was
 Kednapted by a Passel of Raffens with tow others but thay are on there
 Return Home; after Whiching Health and Happeness to our Royel
 Grand Master We beg leve to subcrib your most obedent
 Humbel servents and Brothers

Prince Hall

Thomas Saunderson S^t
 Boston May 23 1788 at the Lodg Room Warter Street
 at the sine of the Goulding Fleece

Reverse Side

Addressed to: To
 The Right Worshipful
 Rowland Holt E^{sqr}
 in
 London

Annotation: Boston 23rd May 1788

Der Sir I imbrac this oppertunety to acquaint
 you that we sent by the Barrer our well
 Bloved Newport Daves a letter to our
 warthy Dep^atey Grand ^{Master} together whith one geney
 for cherety to the Grand Lodge which I hepe you
 will Receve safe as we have sent sundrey times
 and have not known wether you Recved them
 or not we sente ten Dallers in August 1788 by
 Captan Scot : and by our the R^{ev} John Merrant
 in Februy 2 1790 one geney : all which we hope
 you have Recved and if not we should be glad
 your Wishep would Inform us of it that we may
 now how to conduct our selves for the the feuter
 that when we send aney thing for so good a porpers
 you may Receve it safe be it ever so littel so
 no more at this time but Bag teve to serbcrib
 your Humbel servent and loving Brother
 Prince Hall

Reverse Side

Addressed to: OT
 Willem White ^{Esq}
 in
 London

Annotation: Boston 10 Nov. 1791
 N^o 459
 With 1 Guinea

Rec^d 16 Feb 1792

Roland Holt Esq D Grand master of the Grand
 Lodge of England : Right Worshipfull sir : as we are
 in duty bound I now send you a account of the present
 state of the African Lodge (which by Indulgence of the
 Grand Lodge) now under my charg : which I have Indiver^d
 to conduct and Instruct them according to the Constitution
 and the Rules of the Charter : and I can with Pelseur inform
 your Right Worishfull and the Grand Lodge that there
 behaver hath bin such that thay have don Honner to the
 Craft hear and are noted for there Profound secrecey
 and good Behaver ; we have bin deprived by Death of
 Cato Underwood Ceser Fleet & Mathew Cox ; We hav
 Intered sence our last Letters Cato Mumford of Provuders
 Newport Daves & Peter Tower of Boston ; we have
 seatt by our Beloved Brother Daves for cherety
 one geney that being as much as we can aford at
 this time most of our Brethren Being absent at
 this time - so more at Present as my is now
 writing - I beg live to subcrib my self your
 Worshipfell most obedent servent and
 Brother Prince Hall

Boston Nowmber 16 1791

Reverse Side

Addressed to: To
 Rowland Holt ^{Esqr}
 in
 London

Boston May 24 1798

Beloved Brother

Thes comes with my Humble and best Respetes to you, and ~~youre~~
 the grand Lodge hoping thay may find you all in health
 as by the Blessing of God thay leve me; I am sorrey to inform
 you of the Death of our dear Brother Newport Daves who died
 on his pacgge to London last winter by whom I sent you sum
 charges Deleverd on Sant Johns Day June 24 which I beleve
 you have not Recved whith a small sum of money for Chretey
 to the Grand fund; he being the onley Brother that went to
 London at that time and dar not ^{trust} aney other with money for
 that Porpers : I sent you a Letter By B^r pendel who was a Veseter
 in our Lodge but have not Recved a ansear nor for sum
 time Before from five year ^{back} which I much wounder at as
 I am counfeden that the Afracan Lodge hath no juest grounds
 of abencer nor I hope Never will : Dear B^r I now send you six of the
 above chargees thou sempel yet the sencear sentimentes of
 of my hart on our Nobel order (for the Beggest Bungter may do
 sum good) : I send these by a Trustey frend but not a Brother
 But I hope he will be one when he Returns. Thearfour
 You may send be a anser to this Letter with safty:

We have Entred into the Lodge sence the year 92 the following
 Brethren

Antoney Batles N ^h of Bengale	Fortan Truston of Dott
Shemethey Phelopes of Boston	Gorge Hill o Ditto
Fortain Neckels of Ditto	Prince Right Ditto
Fllow Pollerd Ditto	John Trurel of Bosto
Cato Gage of Harvel	We have last by Death
Cato Freeborn of Boston	Willeam Clark
Gorge Joxon of Ditto	Ritcherd Standney
Sere Morce of Horverel	Cato Groves
Willeam Power of Providance	and Recherd Pollerd

Dear B^r I am happy to infor you that our Lodge is much astemed hear
 by the wise and good and god grant that we may Behave allways
 in such a maner as to be aprovd of by the grat Artchtare, the grand
 Lodge and all the world, till time shall be no more is the hartey
 And pray of your Humbel and Loving Brother Prince Hall

To my well Beloved Welleam White ^{Esq}

Reverse Side

Annotation: 7/^a

Boston Mass.
24th May 1798
Prince Hall to
William White
G.S.

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M^r. Moodey

Most W. Master

Sir,

Permit me to return you my hearty thanks for your brotherly [...] to Brothers Reed and Means [...] in a strange land, and when in a time of need you were so good as to receive them as brothers and to treat them as kindly as they inform me you did. What you have done to them, I look upon as done to me and the whole of us, for which I give you many thanks and likewise to all the Lodge. I hope they behaved themselves as men and as Masons with you, if not I would be glad if you would be so good as to let me know of it and they shall be dealt with accordingly. Dear Brother, I would inform you that this Lodge has been founded almost this eight years, and had no warrant yet but only a permit from Grand Master Rowe to walk on St. John's Days and to bury our dead in form which we now enjoy. We have had no opportunity till now of applying for a warrant though we were pressed upon to send to France for one, but we refused it for reasons best known to ourselves. We now apply to the fountain from whom we received lights for this favour and, dear Sir, I must beg you to be our advocate for us by sending this, our request, to His Royal Highness, the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master and to the Right Honourable Earl of Effingham, Acting Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens and the rest of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge, that they would graciously be pleased to grant us a charter to hold this Lodge as long as we behave up to the spirit of the constitution. This, our humble petition, we hope His Highness and the rest of the Grand Lodge will graciously be pleased to grant us there, though poor yet sincere Brethren of the Craft. And therefore, in duty bound ever to pray, I beg leave to subscribe myself your loving friend and Brother - Prince Hall, Master of the African Lodge No. 1, June 30th 1784 in the year of Masonry 5784, in the name of the whole Lodge. C. Underwood, Secretary.

Boston September 22 1785

May it please your Royal Highness to permit us, your humble Brethren of the African Lodge, to return to your Royal Highness, the Wardens and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge under your Royal Highness' charge, our humble thanks for your goodness to us in granting us a charter from your venerable and honourable Lodge, for which we pray for almighty God ever to bless and preserve you till time shall be no more: and from time to time grant your Royal Highness and that noble Society that you may always maintain that blessed spirit of our ever blessed Grand Master, Jesus Christ, who, though he styles himself King of Kings and Lord of Lords, yet he is not ashamed to call the true members of his fraternity his beloved brethren: and such a condescending spirit as that your Royal Highness, with the Grand Lodge, has abundantly manifested to us in honouring us, your unworthy members of the Craft, with a charter. This, your benevolence to us, will not only be received by us with love and gratitude but will convince the blind world that true Masonry has something in it divine and noble and diffuses universal love to all mankind. And now may it please your Royal Highness, we shall always make it our study to keep ourselves within the bounds and limits of our noble constitution and under your directions which you may, from time to time, be pleased to send us. I shall, for my part, as long as I shall have the honour of filling the chair, always endeavour to give those lectures as shall be most beneficial to their light and knowledge etc. After wishing your Royal Highness and all your illustrious family all the blessings of princes here below, may you reign as King and Priest in the world above and may the Grand Lodge keep such a Lodge here below that they keep an everlasting abode for ever more. This is the earnest wish and prayer of your humble and obedient servant and Brother

Prince Hall

William White Esq

Worshipful Sir,

I received the constitution, together with your receipt for the payment for it, by the hand of Capt. Scott, for which I, together with the Lodge, do return you our thanks. We should have taken it up two years ago had the person we delivered the money to done as he ought, but the money was shuffled away and we have lost the whole of it, which is a great loss to us. I shall send a copy of our bye-laws together with a list of the Lodges to our Right Worshipful Grand Master and by the grace of God shall endeavour to fulfill all that is required of me in the charter; and as I shall make the constitution my guide, I hope we shall adorn our profession as Masons. After wishing love, peace and happiness to the whole Fraternity all round the globe and to you and yours, I beg leave to subscribe myself your humble and loving Brother,

Prince Hall

Living in Water Street at the sign of the Golden Fleece in Boston where our Lodge is now held
May 16th 1787

P.S. As this Lodge, without any doubt, may increase to such a number as may not be convenient for us to sit in one Lodge, I should be glad to know the minds of the Grand Lodge whether this charter will empower us to set apart another by the same as a second Lodge

Rowland Holt E^{sq}, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England

Right Worshipfull Sir,

After informing you that we have received the charter which the Grand Lodge was graciously pleased to grant us sometime ago (the reason of its being so long detained in London the Grand Secretary will inform your Worship), in compliance to the requests required of me in the charter, I have sent your Worship a copy of our bye-laws, together with the list of the members of the Lodge. We shall always be willing to contribute as far as in us lies to that laudable custom which has ever been the practice and custom amongst Masons from the foundation thereof. I shall endeavour always to make the constitution my guide in all my transactions in the Lodge and I hope I shall be able (so long as I have the honour to sit in the chair) to give your Worship a good account of the African Lodge - it is the earnest and desire and prayer of your most obedient and humble servant and Brother,

Prince Hall

Boston May 16 1787

Rowland Holt E^{sq.}, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England

Right worshipful Sir,

As in duty bound, we now send you an account of our proceedings of the year past, which we flatter ourselves has been approved of by our most curious spectators without doors. As I have made it my study to keep that order and deception [secrecy?] and harmony within the Lodge as I hope will meet with our Royal Grand Master's, your Worship's, the Warden's and the rest of the members of the Grand Lodge's approbation. We have initiated into the Lodge since July 6th 1787, to this time, four members, namely Matthew Cox, a mulatto man aged 22 years old on the 11th of December George Meller, 24, and Joseph Hicks, 23, on the 24th James Hicke, 25 years, all black men and of good characters and we hope they will make good men. But we have been under the disagreeable necessity of expelling from the Lodge Prince Spooner, or Lasley, for refusing to pay for these three years anything to support the Lodge in any manner whatever though being often admonished and entreated to comply with out just demands, yet he behaved himself stubborn and bid us defiance. Also, John Means for many dishonourable and base actions both within and without the Lodge, he being Secretary of the Lodge. We have been deprived by death of three of our Brethren the year past, namely Pompey Edes, William Henry Gregory and Bristol Slenzer. One of our Brothers was kidnapped by a parcel of ruffians with two others but they are on their return home. After wishing health and happiness to our Royal Grand Master, we beg leave to subscribe your most obedient and humble servants and Brothers

Prince Hall

Thomas Sanderson S^t

Boston May 23rd 1788, at the Lodge Room, Water Street at the sign of the Golden Fleece

Right Worshipfull Sir,

We now send you an account of the Lodge's proceedings since we sent our last, which was in August last, together with ten dollars for the fund of the Grand Charity, by Captain Scott, which he says he has delivered to the Grand Secretary but he has no receipt with him for the money. We have initiated into the Lodge this year Samuel Bean, a black man, and the Reverend John Marrant, a black minister from home but last from Birchtown in Nova Scotia. We shall make a collection on St. John's Day next which we shall send by the first careful hand. The Lodge in general behaves very well in their station so that there are no just complaints made against them - I hope I may always have the pleasure of sending a good account of the African Lodge. After wishing all happiness to our Royal Grand Master and all the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, I beg leave to subscribe myself your most obedient, humble servant and Brother, Prince Hall

Boston June 4th 1789

Boston, November 9th 1789

To the most worshipfull William White E^{sq.} G.S.

Dear Sir,

This comes to acquaint you that we have sent sundry letters to our right worshipfull Rowland Holt E^{sq.} and to your worship, according to my orders in the charter, and with those we sent you dated August 2nd 1788, we sent ten dollars for the Grand Charity but have not had an answer whether you have received them or not and the Lodge is uneasy with me on that account as I paid the money to M^{r.} Benjamin Greene ^{Junr.}, one of Captain James Scott's merchants, and received his receipt for the money to be sent to him with the letters for you as I did not know where to direct them to you, and if you have not received them that must be the reason. Therefore Sir, be so good, when you send us answer to this, you would send me word where to direct them that you may have them which we hope will be by the bearer hereof. I have sent you a sermon, preached on St. John's day by our brother John Marrant (he was made in March last) for our Grand Master and another for you which I hope you will receive. Our Brother Sanderson is dead, all the rest of our Brethren are in health. So, no more at present, but I must beg leave to subscribe myself your very humble servant and Brother, Prince Hall

Dear Sir,

I embrace this opportunity to acquaint you that we sent by the bearer, our well beloved Newport Daves, a letter to our worthy Deputy Grand Master, together with one guinea for charity to the Grand Lodge, which I hope you will receive safe as we have sent sundry times and have not known whether you received them or not. We sent ten dollars in August 1788 by Captain Scott, and by the R^{ev} John Marrant on February 2nd 1790 one guinea, all of which we hope you have received and, if not, we should be glad if your Worship would inform us of it, that we may know how to conduct ourselves for the future, that when we send anything for so good a purpose you may receive it safe, be it ever so little. So, no more at this time, but I beg leave to subscribe your humble servant and loving Brother,

Prince Hall

Rowland Holt E^{sq.} D. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England

Right Worshipfull Sir,

As we are in duty bound, I now send you an account of the present state of the African Lodge (which, by indulgence of the Grand Lodge) is now under my charge. I have endeavoured to conduct and instruct them according to the constitution and the rules of the charter and I can, with pleasure, inform your Right Worshipfull Sir and the Grand Lodge that their behaviour has been such that they have done honour to the Craft here and are noted for their profound secrecy and good behaviour. We have been deprived by death of Cato Underwood, Ceser Fleet and Matthew Cox. We have entered since out last letter Cato Mumford of Providence, Newport Daves and Peter Tower of Boston. We have sent by our beloved Brother Daves, for charity, one guinea, that being as much as we can afford at this time, most of our Brethren being absent at this time. So, no more at present as I am now writing - I beg leave to subscribe myself your worshipfull, most obedient servant and Brother, Prince Hall

Boston November 16th 1791

Boston May 24th 1798

Beloved Brother,

This comes with my humble and best respects to you and the Grand Lodge, hoping they may find you all in health as, by the blessing of God, they leave me. I am sorry to inform you of the death of our dear Brother Newport Daves, who died on his passage to London last winter, by whom I sent you some charges delivered on St. John's Day, June 24th (which I believe you have not received), with a small sum of money for charity to the Grand Fund, he being the only Brother that went to London at that time and I dare not trust any other with money for that purpose. I sent you a letter by Brother Pendel, who was a visitor in our Lodge but have not received an answer, nor for some time before, from five years back, which I much ponder at as I am confident that the African Lodge has no just grounds of [...] nor I hope ever will. Dear Brother, I now send you six of the above charges - though simple, yet the sincere sentiments of my heart on our noble order (for the biggest [...] may do some good).