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Dear Sir,

Your letter was received on the 12th, approving the new signs etc. But I regret to say that I had forgotten them and not having retained a copy I had to guess as near as possible as Mr. Cramden was anxious to have them speedily. Yesterday I was honored with a visit from a Missite smelling committee consisting of Bumsden Newitz & Capt. Byra; before they had got fairly into the house they instituted a censureous system of catechizing which was certainly as ignorantly offensive as anything I have ever experienced; but I kept my temper and treated them with all the urbanity and courtesy that I could.

On my way to see you the last time with Mr. Green he told me that the Cincinnati boys were going to start an opposition association on the strength of
their martyrdom. Sweden to be the leader and principal editor of their organ with Hartfield and Kelprin as assistants. I think from their language that their object now is to break this association down to use the materials to build up their own. They demand a report from me and are to call at 4 o'clock this afternoon to obtain it as present it to a meeting they have called for this evening without any consultation with me. I shall give them none for several reasons.

1st No such existing committee is authorized in the Constitution. They are therefore not entitled even if they were members.

2d They are not members; their names have never been sent, as required by the Constitution, to be enrolled.

3d Because they have constantly persistently concurred in their disrespect for my humble self by refusing to correspond.

4th Emsdell called a meeting of the Directory at his own convenience and for his own ends keeping me waiting in New York at great expense.
by showing a letter stating you to be sick which I now thought, and as it after proved to be bogus and then when he had what he wanted, authority to collect money, arrested to which was a crime that he should report to the Secretary, he proceeded in that pursuit and to this day has not complied.

6. That a meeting has been called of the Association in this city without in any way consulting with or informing me of their intention as though I was so wholly contemptible as to be beneath their notice although a resident member of the Club Directory.

7. That Capt. Lyon one of the Committee remarked in conversation yesterday that his club, the Deernard, met every Friday night—now I have been five months nearly in New York and this is the first intimation I have of the existence of this club an instance of disregard for the Constitution (by which he cannot be ignorant as most of the editions printed by McClounshen are stationered at his back in the office), and the humble Sec. of the most deserving kind.
That self respect would compel me to refuse after the arrogant and insulting queries of Nelson who is only different from his colleagues massauch as that he is kept guarded, has left control — hypocrisy perhaps could express it — He said that I had no right to hire agents and ordered me to employ no more — He forgot that his friend Dumede in a few days after the New York Convention wrote to members of the Cup directing proposing that I should be expanded and his friend Capt. Byn maltreated in my place at a salary of $4000 or $8000, and also proposed as a lecturer and travelling agent another Cincinnati gentleman named Hyde who was dying of consumption and who had entirely lost his voice. He was ordered by his physician to travel and Dumede proposed that the Association should pay him $1000 for months as a lecturer — I met him in the Citizen office and he said only whisker that he was travelling by his physician's order and acting as agent for his relative Mr Dumede. No one knows that I had discovered this gentlemanly dodge, I have kept it to myself & shall continue unless...
I received my authority to employ agents from the Directory and have on all occasions employed those who were almost strangers to me but who came well recommended.

I have at all times communicated every information as to funds and matters to those clubs who corresponded regularly and paid their dues. Wherever solicited to do so, and the direct sign of a derelict society is to hear them complain that they are ignorant of the state of the society.

I again repeat that I have all along kept the active clubs fully posted as far as I knew. They are about to meet you and I hope you will forgive me and not consider it a mistake if I entreat you to not receive them officially — to decline transacting any business with them as members of the Association, and to withhold the new signs etc. until I see
you when I know I can announce you that I am right. These men are dangerous, they are firebrands and have come on attempt to create trouble at the same time that I think if they get this thousand dollars it would considerably alter their tone. They said distinctly three times, in the short time they were here yesterday that they had come on to kill the society or get the thousand dollars they meant to see whether it was a humbug or not.

I have just looked at my books and find that the excess of expenses over receipts is $26.29. Immediately that I am satisfied they are gone from your gaze. I will visit you with all the books of the association and demonstrate the fact that although both to contribute money yet there is the nucleus of a strong association of the right material.
Whenever events will warrant their action, I wrote to Smith yesterday at Cunnden's request requesting him to come on Monday. Wilson and others from the others must steer their ships.

I am sincerely,

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