

-It was not my intention to doubt that the doctrines of the Illuminati and principles of Jacobinism had not spread in the United States - But the ~~fact~~ ^{idea}, no one is more fully satisfied of this fact than I am. —

The idea that I meant to convey was that I did not believe that the ~~large~~ ^{large} of the Masons in this Country had, as societies, endeavored to propagate the diabolical tenets of the Jesuits, or pernicious principles of the latter (if they are susceptible of abatement). That their evidence of them may have done it, or that the person or instrument employed to found the Democratic Societies in the United States may have had these objects - and actually had a separation of the people from their Government as being, is too evident to be questioned.

My occupations are such that little leisure is allowed me to read Newspapers or Books of any kind - the reading of letters superseding answers about most of my time.

With respect I remain
Rev. Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant
G. Washington

The Commissioners of the
City of Washington
Gentlemen,

Mount Vernon 27th Oct. 1798

When Mr. Blagden came here yesterday with your favor of the 25th Inst. and the plans, specification of my houses I was out on my usual ride about my farms, and when I returned home, I found Company which prevented my answering your letter by him. —

The sketch of an agreement enclosed in your letter —

***To REVEREND G. W. SNYDER**

Mount Vernon, October 24, 1798.

Revd Sir: I have your favor of the 17th. instant before me; and my only motive to trouble you with the receipt of this letter, is to explain, and correct a mistake which I perceive the hurry in which I am obliged, often, to write letters, have led you into.

56. William Tunnicliff.

On October 24 Washington wrote to Bushrod Washington: "I think you are perfectly right in accepting the appointment of Associate Judge, [of the United States Supreme Court] not only for the reasons you have mentioned but on every other account...The Elections in New Jersey are not favourable, and in Pennsylvania, so far as we have heard, are bad. What these and such like will produce, is left for wiser heads than mine to foretell. I auger very ill of them. I wish your Circuit may be pleasant and honorable to you and that you may return safe to your family and friends. The season is propitious for a Southern tour, and I hope your attention to the duties of your present office will give satisfaction." This extract was printed in a sales catalogue, 1921. Bushrod Washington's letter, to which this is answer, is dated October 19, and is in the Washington Papers.

It was not my intention to doubt that, the Doctrines of the Illuminati, and principles of Jacobinism had not spread in the United States. On the contrary, no one is more truly satisfied of this fact than I am.

The idea that I meant to convey, was, that I did not believe that the Lodges of Free Masons in this Country had, as Societies, endeavoured to propagate the diabolical tenets of the first, or pernicious principles of the latter (if they are susceptible of seperation). That Individuals of them may have done it, or that the founder, or instrument employed to found, the Democratic Societies in the United States, may have had these objects; and actually had a seperation of the People from their Government in view, is too evident to be questioned.

My occupations are such, that but little leisure is allowed me to read News Papers, or Books of any kind; the reading of letters, and preparing answers, absorb much of my time. With respect, etc.

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