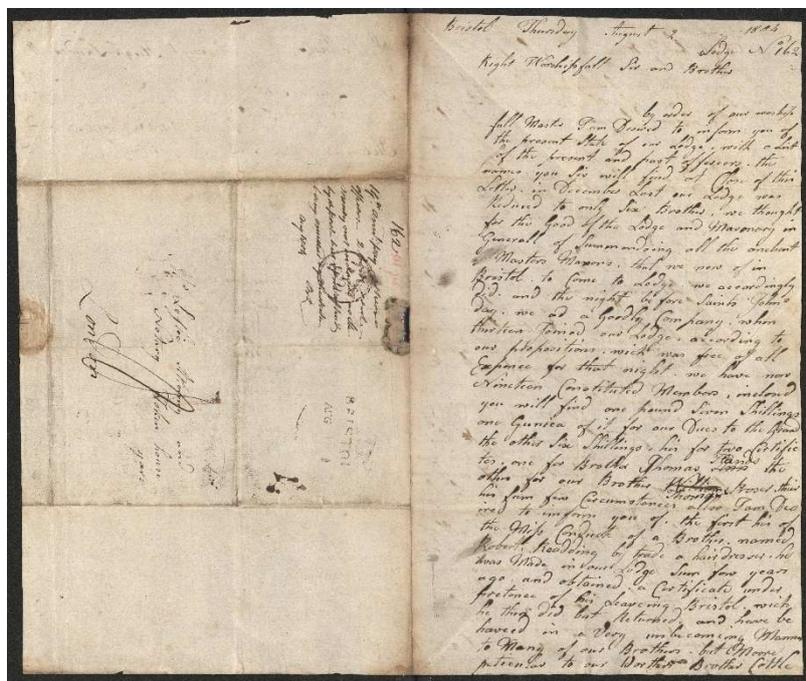


Letter from Joseph SNARY, secretary of Bristol Lodge no 162 to the Grand Secretary of the Jerusalem Lodge no 198 in August 1804

(notes:

The document is written on a folded sheet of paper – the cover and page one appearing on one side, pages two and three on the reverse.



The writer inserted numerous full stops but no capital letters at the start of new sentences, though they were plentiful for important words and names! **Spelling is recorded as written!**

COVER

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the text beneath the date stamp is mostly illegible, but seems to include the words "money not inclosed as ..."

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Mr Leflec Attorney and Notary Token House Yard, London

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Bristol Thursday August 2 1804

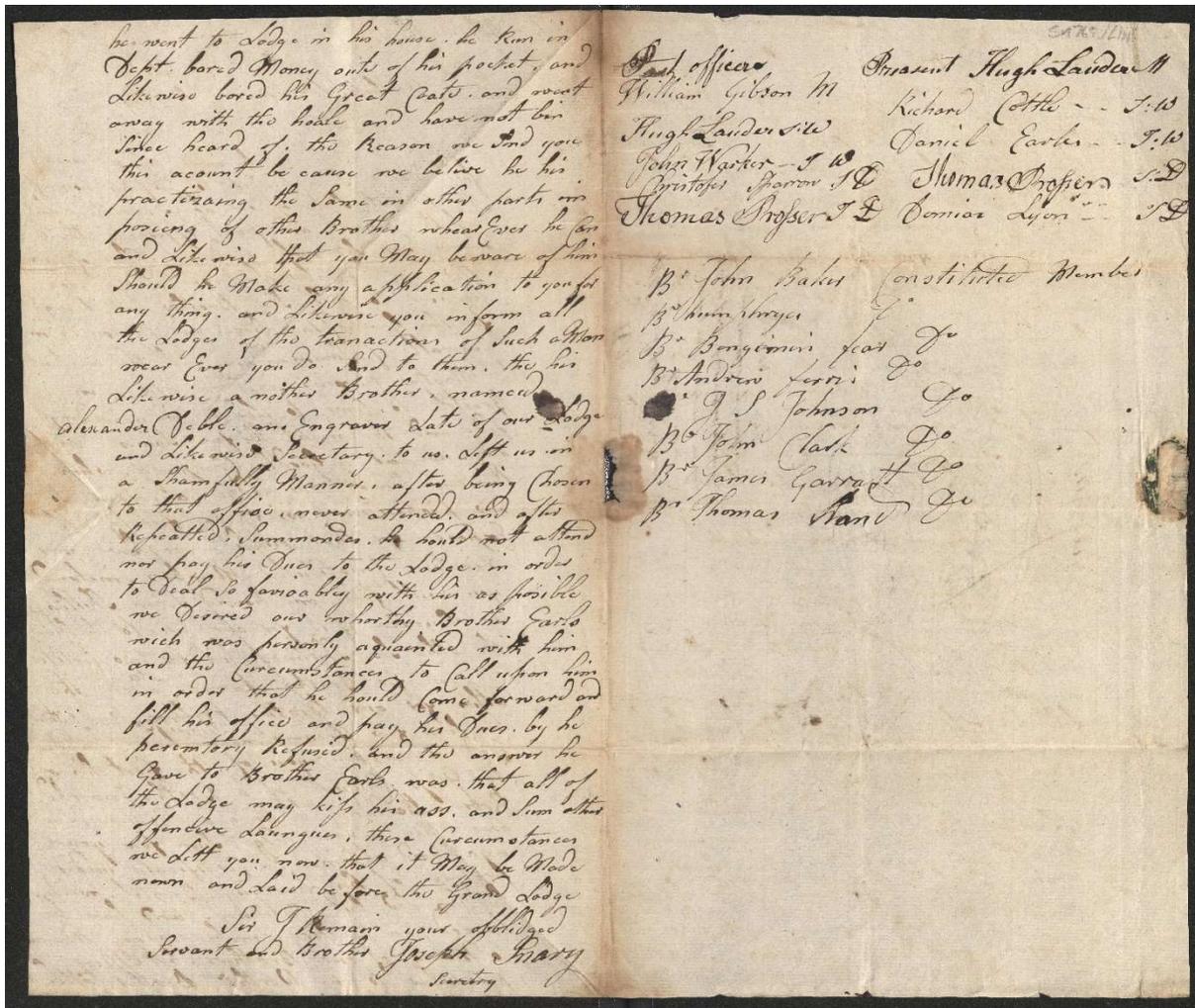
Lodge no 162

Right Worshipfull Sir and Brother

By order of our worship full Master I am desired to inform you of the present State of our Lodge, with a List of the present and past officers. the names you Sir will find at Close of this Letter. in December Last our Lodge was Reduced to only Six Brothers. we thought for the Good of the Lodge and Masonary in Generall of Smmondsing all th anchant Masters Manors, that we now of in Bristol to Come to Lodge. we accordingly did. and the night before Saints Johns day. we ad a Goodly Company. when thirteen Joined our Lodge. according to our propositions. wich was free of all Expencc for that night. we have now Nineteen Constituted Members, included you will find one pound Seven Shillings one Guniea of it for our Dues to the Grand the other Six Shillings, his for two Certificts, one for Brother Thomas Hands the other for our Brother Thomas Proser. thier his Sum for

Circumstances also I am Desired to inform you of. the first his of the Miss Conduct of a Brother. named Robert Reading by trade a hairdresser. he was Made in our Lodge Sum fore years ago. and obtained a Certificate under Pretence of his Leaving Bristol. wich he then did but Returned. and have behaved in a Very imbecoming Manner to Many of our Brothers. but Moore particular to our Worth[y] Brother Cottle

The reverse of the sheet contains pages 2 and 3:



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he went to Lodge in his house. he Ran in Dept (debt). bored (borrowed) Money out of his pocket and Likewise bored his Great Coate. and Went away with the hoale and have not bin Since heard of. the Reason we Send you this acount because we belive he his practizaing the Same in other parts in posiang of other Brother whear Ever he Can and Likewise that you May beware of him Should he Make any application to you for any thing. and Likewise you inform all the Lodges of the tranactions of Such a Man wear Ever you do Send to them. the his Likewise a nother Brother, named alexander Dible. an Engraver Late of our Lodge and Likewise Secretary to us. Left us in a Shamfully Manner. after being Chosen to that offise never attended. and after Repeated Summondes He hould not attend nor pay his Dues to the Lodge. in order to Deal so favioably with him as posible we Desired our worthy Brother Earls wich was personly aquainted with him and the Circumstances to Call upon him in order that he hould Come forward and fill his office and pay his Dues. by he peremtory Refused. and the answer he Gave to Brother Earls was that "all of the Lodge may kiss his ass". and

Sum other offensive Lauges, these Curcumstances we Lett you now. that it May be Made nown and Laid before the Grand Lodge

Sir I Remain your obblidged Servant and Brother Joseph Snary

Secretary

p3 – note the following names are individual signatures of Officers:

[Past?] Officers	Present Hugh Lauder M
William Gibson M	Richard Cottle JW
Hugh Launder SW	Daniel Earles JW
John Warker JW	Thomas Prosser SD
Thomas Prosser JD	Domiar Lyon JD
<i>the second list of Brothers are all written in the same hand:</i>	
Br John Baker	Constituted Member
Br Humphrys	ditto
Br Bengimin Fear	ditto
Br Andrew Ferris	ditto
Br J S Johnson	ditto
Br John Clark	ditto
Br James Garratt	ditto
Br Thomas Hand	ditto