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Mr. W. L. East,

February 11, 1892.
 January 31, 1892. 9a

Hon. Frederic Speed,

Dear Sir,
 Vicksburg, Miss.

Dear Brother Speed—
 I have your letter of the 27th.

Your letter including correspondence in relation to James F. Stroker, and his doings at Vicksburg and New Orleans, has been received, and I have forwarded same to the Grand Master of Masons in

Iowa, High Past Worshipful Green Bowen, of Des Moines, with request that he investigate the matter, and make such order in the premises as to him may appear just and right.

I have little doubt but that the Iowa Lodge is unable to identify the craftful Stroker who was a member of that lodge, and whom they intended to relieve, but I fear the amount is lost to your committee.

A few strokes like this Stroker stroke in Vicksburg and New Orleans will make it hard for the pilgrin hereafter, and it will be sweet for him to take his staff and whip along with him.

Very respectfully yours,

W. L. East
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