

Dear Bro. Pratt

Luce May 14 1844

The undersigned a Committee appointed by Luce Lodge No. 2, to correspond with you, would state that Bro. Geo. W. Churchill S. D. G. Sir, sent a communication of his own to our Lodge at its last meeting, saying that he had received instructions from the U. S. Grand Lodge, by letter, enclosing the quarterly report of our Lodge for the term ending July 1 1844, to demand of us 10 per centum on gross amounts on all receipts from all sources. Now, what we want to enquire of you is, whether it is customary so to do - and whether you can inform us how it happens that a report, sent to the Grand Lodge of Maine, with what our Lodge calls usual per centage for the U. S. G. Lodge for the term ending July 1 /44 is at this late day returned as being incorrect, & demanding 10 per cent on all receipts from the organization of our Lodge to July 1 /44

Please give us such information & advice in the matter as will enable our Lodge to act on the subject with honor to ourselves & to the order

Truly yours in F. L. & M. W.

James Smith  
Edward Stiles  
W. Gilbert

Please address Bro. James Smith  
as soon as convenient