

**Andrew Jackson to James Alexander Hamilton, April 29, 1828, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

**TO COLONEL JAMES A. HAMILTON.<sup>1</sup>**

1 Copy. Handwriting of A. J. Donelson. James Alexander Hamilton, third son of Alexander Hamilton, was a warm supporter of Jackson.

Hermitage, April 29, 1828.

. . . . In answer to your inquiries on the subject of my connection with Masonry, I have to observe that I presided several years as Royal Arch Mason in the grand Lodge of Tennessee, but have not attended the sessions for two years or thereabouts. I have not attended the Chapter for many years, say fifteen or twenty.

It will be a stain on our history to have it said that any administration with the view of sustaining its power should take advantage of the mysterious fate of Morgan. Such an unhallowed use of power can scarcely be credited here. But I will not comment on the subject, nor advert to the disclosures which have been recently published. . . . 28