

Private

New York Jan. 23. 1856

Dear Sir

I received this morning, a notice for publication in next week's Citizen, from Dr. McQueen
Who dates it from "the office of the Supreme Directory,"
Providence" and signs it with his name, and as "Secretary
of the Supreme Directory". Is not this
open violation of the order of the Convention
that the names of the Supreme Directory should
be kept secret. Before publishing this notice,
therefore, I have to ask your advice about it. I
do not like to take the responsibility of being
a party to the violation of an express order
of the Convention. What is still worse than
sending it to me, McQueen writes me that he has
sent it also for publication in the Irish American.

I am sorry I did not see Smith & McQueen
on their return. May speak of an address when
they were going to Philadelphia. Is it your intention
to issue one?

Mr. Mitchell's lecture has cut to pieces the
faction who have created so much disturbance. John
Smalley's speech has been completely answered without
referring directly to it, in fact Mitchell has
adhered our policy & doctrines throughout,
but he does not want anybody to say so. He goes

with us entirely in keeping faithful to the
American Constitution, and he would not go on any
filibustering expeditions. You will be delighted with
the address when you hear it in Philadelphia,
as I suppose you will.

The faction have utterly ruined themselves,
and the Society will get on well now, if it is
of managed rightly by the Supreme Directors. I
am sorry Lumsden who is a noble fellow is so far
away from you. It was a mistake that the
Supreme Directors did not ~~choose~~ have, at least
three very good & reliable men near each other,
to act as a quorum. I fear Smith is too
anxious about his own aggrandisement; but
it is so hard to get men whose motives are
unmixed.

Yours faithfully

J. M. Clarkson

P. S. I have been informed that Smith &
his friends are contemplating the starting of a
new paper on their own hook.

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As to Mr McGowan &
the Supreme Directory
of S. E. A. Association