A few days commenced among which all business proceeds on in M. B. passed throughMemphis after due care hurried then scattered out with three head banners furnished again with the large banners. The wheat of the red beard land cooked on common water boiled on place. Said I joined to the place.

5. Sunday let me come ready after breakfast accompanied by my friend A. Page to attend the regular reading of the letters of the Central College according to the law of organization from Mr. Cockeville on the day of each Council. From there I read the Masonic lecture about 9 o’clock where we met M. Jackson, M. Colwell, and together with Dr. Jefferson himself entered. The president Masonic was overcome known to be at the art in the organization. May be the Masonic order was not properly expected. About the Masonic lecture where we understand very anent an order already made for laying the corner stone of the Central College on the next day. That the two Masonic trips of which had requisitions to a post on the ceremony.

6. Monday left Cockeville after break at 9 o’clock who walked from thence at last to the Masonic lecture consisting of over two hundred of the members of the college. At 10 o’clock Masonic meeting Britton took up the line of march which was the signal for the Masonic to appear to an appointed place near the site for laying the corner stone. As soon as the grand master in the Masonic lecture passed the Masonic the two Masonic fellow the foot hand. Composition of M. Jefferson, M. Mabry, M. Monroe. The 2d. of M. Colwell, Speaker Nation, Virginia. In this order we approached the corner of the building where the head of the Masonic Lecture chiefly touched the stage where a signal bug was given. The Masonic battle spread to the right third of the now leaving a space sufficient between their lines for the Grand Masonic.
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