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The seal used on this letter
belongs to my mother's family
M



258 SOUTH EIGHTEENTH STREET.

Dear Sir,

In looking over some
old papers and letters of the
late Mrs. Martin, I find a
Seal used upon her letters
which is quite a matter of
interest. It is a Crest, of a
rampant lion, holding a Cres-
cent, surmounting the

initials "J. M." on a oval.

Can you inform me whether any shield was used by the Martin Family - and if so whether it was the shield having the same crest in "Burkes General Armory" - In the latter however it is a demi-lion.

It has fallen to my lot to become the family genealogist and herald and I shall esteem it a favour if you will aid me in my undertaking.

I must thank you again for allowing the artist to photograph

Hilgubarity - It adds much zest to those reading the old correspondence to be able to see a picture of the house whence so many letters and papers have originated.

Mr. Jas. C. Martin the gentle-
man who visited Scotland
many years ago lost his wife
a few months since.

Pardon the trouble I may
give you -

Very truly
Yours &c

Jas. Neill

Phila. July 26/74

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