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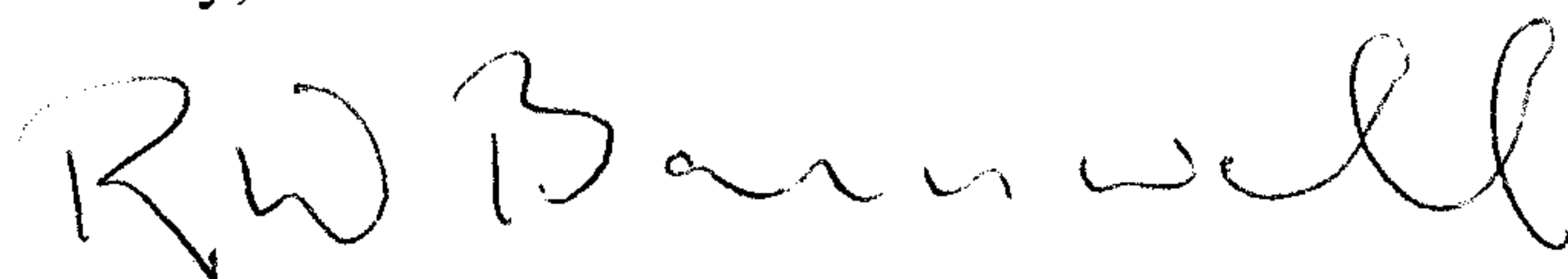
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing on behalf of Gilberto Eyzaguiere, formerly an employee of Galatoire's Restaurant in the French Quarter of New Orleans, a city landmark, a bit of the Old World and a dining establishment as familiar to me as my own family's kitchens in the Mississippi Delta.

In his attention and with his flair for service, Gilberto is a uniquely-talented individual. I can think of no other server who could surpass him, unless it is the Canadian VIA Rail's Chaleur dining car steward, Cyril Landry. It was with great shock and disappointment that I learned of Gilberto's dismissal, and I can only think that he has been unjustly treated. In the many years I have eaten at his tables, I have seen nothing to indicate anything but exemplary behavior. I cannot imagine returning to Galatoire's, knowing the present situation.

I hope that this expression of support for Gilberto will help redress a terrible mistake.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "RW Barnwell". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

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