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ing so were these:—I had been conducted to the Grand East and placed in the position of Executive head before the business of the communication had been half gone through with. This was contrary to all precedent in this Grand Lodge and contrary to the general practice in Masonic Lodges throughout the world. It placed me in the awkward position of deciding upon questions of serious importance without the opportunity of becoming in any degree acquainted with them, and as one of the universal principles of Masonic law as laid down in the ancient constitution is that no motion for a new law or regulation or for the alteration or repeal of an old one shall be made until it shall be handed in writing to the Grand Master. After having been perused by him and found not to contain anything contrary to the ancient landmarks of the Order, the motion may be publicly proposed and the opinion of the Grand Lodge obtained. If approved and confirmed at the next communication of Grand Lodge it becomes law, if every Brother, even the entered Apprentice had opportunity of perusing it.

This principle would have been violated had that motion been put and carried. Article 10 of our constitution provides the way and manner in which our constitution may be altered or amended, and contains the principle before agreed to, which is one of the corner stones of our constituent organization. This clause some have sought to remove. A motion was offered having that for its object. I declined to put that motion also, as that motion had been made the day previous, but failed to find a seconder. On the second day it was seconded, but the mover was absent, and many others who were present when the motion was first made were not present, and parties had to be sent for to represent a quorum. This matter caused me considerable anxiety for some time, but I am now satisfied that I have done right, as no one has suffered for the want of constitution, and hasty