

glad they were to obtain it on *any terms* ! The address presented to the Grand Lodge of England, which was but a copy (*mutatis mutandis*) of those presented to every other existing Grand Lodge, has been long considered as one of the ablest and most dignified documents which ever emanated from a new Grand Lodge, the sneers of this new Solon to the contrary notwithstanding ; and to those, if any such there be, who still require information as to the arrangement by which these Lodges were permitted to continue their work under their foreign warrants, we would refer them to that portion of the very interesting and important correspondence which took place between our first Grand Master and the Earl of Zetland, which will be found in our printed proceedings. On referring to these documents, it will be found that in Lord Zetland's letter of the 23rd March, 1859, he claims that those Lodges hailing from England, which preferred continuing under their English warrants, should be *permitted* to do so. This point was willingly conceded by our Grand Master in his letter of the 23rd April, 1859, in which letter we also find the following unmistakeable declaration of the rights of the Grand Lodge of Canada :—"I hold (says Grand Master Wilson), that from the establishment of this Grand Lodge, in 1855, the *supreme* authority in all matters masonic, relating to this Province (Canada), became and was vested in that body, and that, consequently, the power of Grand Masters of other jurisdictions to appoint, or even to continue, such a class as Provincial officers, then ceased and determined forever. I have no hesitation in stating that, were any Grand Lodge now to grant a warrant for the opening and working of a masonic Lodge in this Province, I would feel it to be my duty promptly to pronounce the members of that Lodge as an irregular and clandestine body, and, by special edict, forbid all communication or intercourse with them ; and in this course I feel satisfied that I would be sustained, not only by every well-informed Mason, but also by every well-regulated Grand Lodge in the world." The reply from Lord Zetland to this letter, written by him on the morning succeeding the June meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, proves how frankly and fully the noble Lord and his Grand Lodge accepted the conditions, and admitted the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Canada. His Lordship, with that courtesy and fraternal kindness for which he is so eminently distinguished, says that, "In advance of the official notification of his Grand Secretary, I will not suffer a post to elapse without informing you that the Grand Lodge of England participates with me in the gratification I feel at the termination of all difficulties, &c." We feel satisfied that our readers will agree with us that neither in the address, nor in the letters quoted from, does there appear any *begging* or *praying* ; but, on the contrary, they will readily allow that the Canadian "trump masonic" gave no