

At the request of a member of Grand Lodge, and with the permission of the Grand Master, the following letter to the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was read for the information of Grand Lodge:

RICHMOND, P.Q., April 7, 1973.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Freemasons of Scotland.*

M. W. SIR & BRO.,

Believing that you will be of the opinion that the time has fully come for the consideration and adjustment of matters affecting the relations of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I have now the honor of forwarding you this communication anent the same; and I have also directed our Grand Secretary to transmit to you the published proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its formation, in order that you may have the means of ascertaining with certainty its position and claims.

You will, doubtless, M. W. Sir, pardon me, considering the circumstances, in thus formally submitting to you the following:

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was duly formed in accordance with the Constitutions of the Fraternity.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec claims the inherent and indefeasible right to exercise undivided jurisdiction over all Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry, situated within the geographical limits of the Province of Quebec.

It is therefore held by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that any understanding or agreement existing or entered into between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Canada, anent certain private Lodges remaining in Canada, under the Scottish Constitution, as long as they desired, &c., is contrary to the well established principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty, injurious to the interest of the Craft, and of no binding force on this Grand Lodge.

It is consequently expected that any claim of any other Grand Lodge to exercise jurisdiction over any Lodges within our territory, will voluntarily be withdrawn, and that said private Lodge or Lodges will declare their adhesion to this Grand Lodge, and be duly enrolled on its registry.

I need hardly remind you, M. W. Sir, that the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec has hitherto been recognized by upwards of