

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen St., London, W. C.
30th March, 1886.

To R. W. BROTHER J. H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Quebec,

SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of 9th March,
1886.

I am,

Sir & Brother,

Your Obedient Servant,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE,
Colonel, Gd. Secy., Eng'd.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. & A. M.,
GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, 5th July, A. L. 5886, A. D. 1886.

To whom it may concern :

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M., was regularly formed on the twentieth day of October, 1869, by a majority of the Lodges in said province; declared itself the Sovereign Masonic Grand Body therein, with exclusive jurisdiction within the limits of the said province; has been recognized as a Grand Lodge with such rights, and under the force of the principal of co-equal territorial and masonic jurisdiction, by sixty-three sister Grand Lodges; and has, ever since its formation, adhered to the aforesaid principle, and to its supreme control of Craft Masonry in said territory.

And whereas, notwithstanding there are no less than fifty-nine lodges in said province warranted by said Grand Lodge, and which recognize its jurisdiction and authority, there still remain three lodges therein, warranted by and holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, which refuse to yield obedience to or recognize the authority of this Grand Lodge, though repeatedly solicited to yield such obedience and recognize such authority; and said three lodges were and are upheld therein by said Grand Lodge of England.

And whereas, on the first day of January, 1885, M. W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, then Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, issued his proclamation declaring all lodges existing in this Province holding allegiance to any Foreign Grand Lodge, irregular and masonically illegal, and suspending masonic intercourse between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate Lodges and members thereof on the one hand and said Foreign Lodges and members thereof on the other hand—asserting in said proclamation that his action in that regard was in vindication of the sovereignty of this Grand Lodge, and to uphold its prerogatives.