

lodged in a Norwegian gaol. Another peculiar application from a Brother in somewhat similar case may be quoted:—

1812.

The petition of Bro. John Knudtson, dated September, 1812: "I am a native of Norway, and a member of your Lodge, No. 135, where I was made a Master Mason the 3rd September, 1810. I have now to inform you, Dear Brethren, of my unfortunate situation. The 24th of April, 1812, I went out from North Bergen, in Norway, in a Danish privateer. She mounted 14 guns under my command, but unfortunately for me was captured on the 26th inst. by His Britannic Majesty's brig "Sarpedon," and since the one-half of my guns was under 4 pounds calibre I could not obtain liberty to go on my parole, but must remain here on board on the scanty allowance of a prisoner of war. But if I could make interest in this country by petitioning the Transport Board in London, I think my parole may be obtained. Dear Brethren, if you can do anything for me in obtaining my parole, or through the channel of any of your friends, you would very much oblige me in relieving me from this obscure place. But, Dear Brethren, I must acquaint you of my present circumstances, as I am here as aforesaid on the scanty allowance of 2½ lbs. of beef per week and 7 salt herrings, and water to drink, and I have not had a farthing of money since I came here to this place, and I am sorry to say have very little clothes with me, so I am at present in great distress, which I hope, Brethren, you will take into your serious consideration, and I most humbly beg of you to collect a little sum of money amongst my Brethren in your Lodge. I shall always be grateful for the same, and by my return to my native country show the same charity to other suffering Brethren. The Lodge considered this application favourably, and remitted three guineas to the suffering warrior, which, let us hope, duly reached him, and was the means of providing a more varied and satisfactory menu.

1815.

One of the conditions in the Cromwell street Feu Charters binds the Feuar "and his forebears on their own expenses to build the Pier and Quay opposite their own houses, and then the same to be common." In 1815 the Lodge built a stone quay opposite their property, the foundation stone being laid by the Brethren with appropriate ceremonial. On this occasion the Steward's book testifies that twenty-four bottles of punch were consumed. Two years later, as the result of a gale which disturbed its foundations, the quay subsided, and was rebuilt by the Lodge of Mainland Stone at a cost of £5.

1817.

On 4th September, 1817, we find the first mention of a Proxy Master in Grand Lodge, Bro. James Lamond. To him the Lodge sent £2 sterling "that he may provide himself and his Wardens with suitable clothing and befitting as the Representative of the Fortrose Lodge." Again on 27th December, 1821, "Some of the Brethren having suggested that Bro. Roderick McKenzie, Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh, a member of this Lodge, would be an eligible person to be appointed as Proxy Master to represent our Lodge in the Grand Lodge, he was accordingly elected Proxy Master."

1819.

By the year 1819 the Lodge had largely increased in numbers. From a list of Brethren who received and paid for new aprons upon 19th February, 1819, it would appear that there were 73 members in regular attendance and good standing. On the 26th of November of the preceding year a meeting of the Brethren was held to discuss the advisability of again enlarging their borders. "The Right Worshipful Master suggested to a full meeting of the Brethren the propriety of building a house on a larger scale than their present house, for the better accommodation of the Brethren (whose number has of late increased), and for other publick reasons, to which measure the Brethren present unanimously agreed, and appointed a Committee to take immediate measures for carrying their plans into effect." On the 28th day of May, 1819, "The Right Worshipful Master having thought proper to call a meeting of the Brethren, when it was agreed that the Brethren would walk in procession to