

which, considering the then small number of Companions in this Province, may have guided this Chapter in such procedure, and "*ex necessitate rerum*," warranted the practice.

On the 16th of October, A.D. 1801, the Chapter was moved from the Freemason's Tavern and met temporarily at the house of Companion John Darley, now the residence of the Town Major, in Rideau Street. On the 16th of April, A.D. 1802, it again met at the Freemason's Tavern, from whence, on the 15th of October following, it removed to the house of Companion Lewis, then standing near the foot of Queen Street, where its convocations were held "until a suitable hall could be procured."

The Chapter having, at a great expense, fitted up a hall, with "an arched ceiling," in the house of Companion Patrick, then standing in Brock Street, met there from the 15th of July, A.D. 1803, until the 21st of January, A.D. 1809, after which date it was held in the hall of St. John's Lodge.

Considering the small size of Kingston fifty years since the Chapter progressed most favorably. The records of the year A.D. 1802 show that thirty-four Companions were subscribing members, of which number twenty-five had been exalted in this Chapter. Between A.D. 1802 and A.D. 1809 sixteen brethren received the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

As a gratifying instance of the high masonic position taken by this Chapter at an early date, and an evidence of the interest felt for the welfare of the Royal Craft in this Province, it may be mentioned that, at an emergent convocation held on the 19th of July, A.D. 1805, a memorial to the Grand Chapter (in connection with "The Ancient Grand Lodge" in London) was unanimously adopted, praying, amongst other matters, "That a Provincial Grand Chapter should be established at Kingston," which memorial was ordered to be transmitted