

to utter our earnest, solemn protest against this signal, unjustifiable and unwarranted violation of the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. In all kindness, in the bonds of Masonry. in love and respect, in the spirit of long-suffering and kindness, we invoke the Grand Lodge of Scotland to yield her own judgment, and to modify her action, to accept the entreaties of the Grand Lodges of the United States and withdraw her sanction of the insubordination which her Lodges are producing in the craft. We ask the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland to take suitable occasion to bring these views before that Grand Lodge, and in the spirit of fraternal regard, and the amenities of Masonic intercourse, to urge them on the serious attention of our Brethren in Scotland. To make our appeal more earnest, we take this last occasion to refer to it in the language of entreaty. If the Grand Lodge of Scotland insists on the position she now holds, this Committee will be forced by the rigor of consistency and the devotion to the Masonic law we have asserted to be obligatory on us, as it is on all the Grand Lodges of the United States, promptly to ask the dissolution of all Masonic intercourse between the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Scotland. This is not offered either as menace or compulsion, but only to show that we have felt it our duty, in again making this appeal to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to accompany it with the assurance that it is final on this question. * * *

The London *Freemason* gives the following particulars of the Masonic career of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the newly appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England:—"Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke was initiated April 27, 1857, in Zetland Lodge 756, E. C., in the Island of Malta, where he had recently arrived with his regiment—the 21st

Fusiliers—from the Crimea, after serving throughout the whole of that campaign. He filled the various offices of his mother lodge, and having joined 437 (347), St. John and St. Paul Lodge, in the same island, in the year 1858, he was appointed J. W., and from thence was elected W. M. in 1859, which office he duly served. In the latter end of the year 1860 he was appointed A. D. C., and subsequently, Military Secretary to the Commander of the Forces in the West Indies, where he joined Albion Lodge 196, and after seven years' service on the staff there, he joined his regiment in Ireland, and worked occasionally in various lodges in that country but from the continual moving consequent on military service was unable to join one permanently. In the beginning of the year 1870 he was stationed in Plymouth, when he joined Metham Lodge 1295, and became P. G. Sword Bearer, and subsequently P. G. Senior Warden of that province. In the year 1872 Col. Clerke, having retired on half-pay, from his regiment, came to reside in London, and became one of the original members of the Friends in Council Lodge 1383, which was formed that year, and of which he shortly after was elected Treasurer, continuing to serve as such until 1875 when he became S. W., and was installed W. M., the next year. By the lamented death of its W. M.—Major Barlow he for the second year continued to fill the chair as I. P. M. Bro. Col. Clerke was exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch in the Leinster Chapter, I. C., in Malta, in February, 1858, and subsequently became one of its rulers. He was affiliated to Chapter 437, E. C., in 1859 when he filled the chair. On moving to the West Indies, he joined the Scotia Royal Arch Chapter, S. C.—there being no English one in work there—and on the formation of Chapter 1383, he became an original member, and held the office of P. S. being at the present time M.