

This alludes no doubt to the political disturbances which were then brewing in the Province, and to an epidemic of cholera.

At an emergent meeting on the 25th October, 1824, it was resolved "to assess each member 10s., to liquidate the standing debt of the lodge." This indebtedness seems to have been a source of trouble, for we find that :

"Bros. T. M. Ridout and F. T. Billings were appointed a Committee of Finance for the purpose of taking into consideration the present state of the funds of the lodge and forming a separate fund of charity, they to report at the next monthly meeting what steps appear necessary to carry the wishes of the lodge into effect."

At the November meeting, the report of the Committee on Finance was presented, and Bro. Turquand, in order to aid the lodge in its monetary difficulties, "resigned his salary," and was duly thanked for his liberal and disinterested act.

On the 7th December, 1824, W. Bro. Hillier was again elected W.M., and Bro. Thomas G. Ridout Treasurer. At this gathering the night of meeting was changed to the Mondays next preceding the full moon. At the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the 27th December, the installation took place, at which R.W. Bro. Fitzgibbon was present.

At the meeting of January, 1825, R.W. Bro. James Fitzgibbon presided, and the work was routine, but the regular meeting of March was of especial interest owing to the presence of R.W. Bro. Simon McGillivray, Provincial Grand