

Jan. 6, 1872.—To William R. Cutler, James Alexander Campbell, and John George Clough, to open a new Lodge at Arichat, Richmond County, Cape Breton, to be called "Richmond Lodge."

Jan. 26, 1872.—To George C. Crocker, Zachariah Doty, and Samuel G. Haines, to open a new Lodge at Freeport, Digby County, to be called "Freeport" Lodge.

Bro. Crocker having subsequently informed the Grand Master that he and Brother Haines would be absent from the Province for a long period, and having expressed a wish, in connection with the brethren associated with them, to have others appointed in their stead who would be permanently resident at Freeport, the M. W. Grand Master revoked the dispensation of the 26th January, and by his authority I issued a new one to Zachariah Doty, as W. M., Shippey Lent, as S. W., and John A. Smith, as J. W.

In compliance with instructions sent to the Masters of these Lodges, their minutes have been transmitted to me, and are now before the Committee on Charters, who will report thereon at this Communication.

On the 1st Feb., 1872, by the authority of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued a dispensation to W. Bro. Henry S. Jost, of Unity Lodge, No. 4, Lunenburg, to dedicate to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence, the new hall at Petite Riviere, built for the use of Leman Lodge, at that place.

On the 15th of the same month, by direction of the Grand Master, I issued a similar authority to R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe, Dep. G. Master, to dedicate the Masonic Hall at Truro, reports of which will be duly submitted to Grand Lodge at the present session.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the Annual Communication in June last, (see Proceedings 1871, page 75), I have issued diplomas without charge to all, it is to be hoped by this time, who had formerly paid for them to the late English District and Scottish Provincial Grand Lodges, but who have not received them from those bodies.

Adopting the practice of my predecessors in office, I have collected from subordinate Lodges an enrolment fee of one dollar each for all affiliated members, whether from our own jurisdiction or that of another Grand Lodge. As a few Lodges have disputed the right of Grand Lodge to this enrolment fee for members affiliating from another Lodge in our own jurisdiction, I would suggest the propriety of passing such a resolution at this Communication as will remove any doubt on that point for the future.