

your labors may be such as to benefit our noble Institution."

The Deputy Grand Master, in his address, alludes to an application from British Columbia, regarding authority to hold a Lodge in that Colony. His reply was "That upon a petition, meeting the requirements of that Grand Lodge, a Dispensation would be granted them." The Worshipful Master of the Lodge at New Westminster, British Columbia, refused to recommend the petitioners, telling them that they apply to either the Grand Lodge of England or Scotland. The Deputy Grand Master replies, that in case they failed on the same grounds to obtain the necessary recommendation from a Lodge in the colonies, the Dispensation would be granted on the recommendation of Port Townsend Lodge, in the Territory of Washington.

There is not, he says, nor never was a Grand Lodge, either in Vancouver Island or British Columbia, hence, both colonies are open ground to all Masonic bodies and I know of no precedent or law requiring Masons, under such circumstances, to apply for a Dispensation to a particular Grand Lodge, "unless that particular Grand Lodge has acquired the sole Masonic jurisdiction over that State, Territory or Colony."

The question was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. They say "The case is so clear to your committee, that they are well convinced of the correctness of the conclusion arrived at, which is: "that, in as much as the objection raised by the Master of the Lodge at Westminster seems to be frivolous and wholly untenable—more the result of national prejudice than a wise discernment of that fraternal liberality which entitles our Order to the