

Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain,
France and Ireland, King defender of the Faith and so forth.

Robt. Leslie,
Grand Secretary.

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The great and far-reaching importance of the re-establishment or revival of the Provincial Grand Lodge can hardly be estimated. It was constituted on the most liberal lines, even more so than that granted a few years later to the Craft in Upper Canada. It gave wide powers, including that of electing the Grand Master and other officers of Grand Lodge and their successors in office, the Grand Lodge of England reserving only the right to hear appeals. Every facility for extension and self government was granted, and under its authority the number of subordinate Lodges multiplied and the influence of Grand Lodge was widely extended. The first Lodge to be chartered by the new Provincial Grand Lodge was Union as No. 1. Curiously enough neither Lodge 155 nor Lodge 211, though part of the Provincial Grand Lodge and taking a very active part in its affairs continued under the Mother Grand Lodge until 1869.

The Lodges in Halifax at the beginning of the century were No. 155 (St. Andrew's) No. 211 (St. John) Union No. 1, Artillery (now Virgin) No. 2, Cornwallis, No. 15, and Royal Navy No. 18. To these in Sept. 1803, was added Trinity Lodge No. 30.

Masons Hall. A project of great importance to the Craft during this period, in which St. Andrew's played a leading part, was that of the erection of a Masonic hall. As early as August, 1786, a Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge had this proposal under consideration and had favored the occupation of the upper part of the Market house. The desire however for a building altogether under the control of the Grand Lodge prevailed and delayed action for nearly ten years. The next reference to the proposal in the Lodge records is in March, 1797, when the Lodge and its