

The Grand Master of Louisiana offered to mediate between England and Quebec. The following is England's reply :

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND,

FREEMASONS' HALL,

Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

18th November, 1887.

*To the M. W. Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Louisiana.*

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER :—

I have received and duly laid before the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, your letter of the 18th July last, in which you transmit a copy of a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana last February, authorizing you to offer your mediation in the matter at issue between the Grand Lodge of England and that of Quebec.

In reply, I am commanded to refer you to the correspondence which has taken place between the two bodies, (which is given in full with the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec) for some years past. And I am to explain, that as the situation still remains the same, the Grand Lodge of England cannot possibly change its attitude or alter its decision in the matter.

I am also directed to transmit to you copy of a report made to and unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of England on the 3rd March, 1886, relative to certain actions taken by the Grand Lodge of Illinois on the matter in question, which will further show you that the views of the Grand Lodge of England are, and that they still continue to be the same as heretofore.

I have the honor to remain,

M. W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERK, Colonel,

G. S. of England.

Thus England resents any interference ; she declines friendly mediation ; she says that she, and she alone, is the Masonic authority that cannot err. Serene in her adherence to a position manifestly injurious to Masonry in this Province, and totally opposed to Grand Lodge jurisdiction as understood on this continent, and so understood because harmonious intercourse between sister jurisdictions require it, the Grand Lodge of England spurns all offers of Masonic settlement by way of mediation. She says in substance we must submit like cravens to her will, and consent to share our habitation with her. There can be no question as to the propriety of the course to be pursued by this Grand Lodge. Whatever differences of opinion there may have been as to the advis-