

lates to the recognition of the Independence of the Order in these Provinces. From the subjoined Resolutions of the Grand Encampment of Canada, passed on the 11th ult., our readers will see the views entertained, and the course of action taken, on this subject, as well by that Body as by the Grand Lodge, which, on the 9th ult., passed a series of Resolutions, as nearly as possible in the same words.

1. *Resolved*,—That with a view to the permanent and general interests of Odd Fellowship, it is, in the opinion of this R. W. G. E., inexpedient that any branch of the Order established in one country should be subject for any longer period than may be absolutely unavoidable, to the legislative or other controul of a tribunal in name or fact belonging to a branch of the Order established in a foreign country.

2. *Resolved*,—That in the opinion of this G. E., the existence and mutual recognition, as required by the principle above set forth, of a number of territorially independent or sovereign jurisdictions of the Order, the authorities of which should be bound by mutual engagement to the maintenance as well of the most intimate fraternal relations between the several branches of the Order under their respective governments, as of the principles and work of the Order in general, would tend to give to the organization of the Order a character of permanence and universality which it cannot otherwise be expected to attain.

3. *Resolved*,—That from the terms of the original Charter granted in the year 1820 by Duke of York's Lodge of Preston, to No. 1 Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America; from the refusal, in the year 1821, of the authorities of the Order in Manchester to interfere to charter Franklin Lodge No. 2 within the limits of the United States; and from the express assurance conveyed by the subsequent Charter granted in the year 1826 by the G. A. M. C. in Manchester, to the R. W. G. L. of the United States, as then constituted, that in its government of the Order throughout the United States, it should be free from "the interference of any other country, so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of Odd Fellowship;" it is clear that the said principle was fully understood and acted upon by the authorities of that branch of the Order, as constituted during that period within the United Kingdom.

4. *Resolved*,—That from the provisions of the first article of the Constitution of the R. W. G. L. of the United States, whereby, after the declaration that that R. W. Body is "the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship in the United States of America," and "the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are to be referred," it is further only set forth that the said R. W. Body "has inherent power to establish Lodges and Encampments in foreign countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists," and not that it claims any right of jurisdiction afterwards in such foreign countries, it is also clear that the said principle is fully recognized by the authorities of the Great Branch of the Order established in the United States.

5. *Resolved*,—That in the recommendation offered at the annual communication of the R. W. G. L. of the United States held in the year 1844, by the R. W. G. S. of that Body, to the effect that upon the formation of Grand Lodges in foreign countries, the same should be recognized as distinct sovereignties in the Order; and in the approval of this recommendation by the Special Committee of the said R. W. G. L. to whom the same was referred; this G. L. recognize evidence of the rea-

son of the said authorities to carry the said principle into practical effect.

6. *Resolved*,—That inasmuch as, by the institution in Canada of a Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, the organization of the Order within the Provinces of British North America is now so far advanced as to admit of its affairs being advantageously administered by a sovereign tribunal of Odd Fellowship exercising independent jurisdiction within and throughout the same; and inasmuch as, in the opinion of this Grand Encampment, the erection and recognition of such tribunal would not only without doubt essentially conduce to the future prosperity of the Order within the present jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, but would besides secure its introduction, under circumstances eminently favorable to its rapid development throughout the Lower Provinces; and inasmuch as the branch of the Order here established, if thus independent of foreign controul, would have far greater facilities than it otherwise could have, or than any branch of the Order established beyond the limits of the British Empire can have, for spreading the principles and work of the Order in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the possessions dependent thereon, as also for acting upon the several bodies of Odd Fellows therein organized, with a view to the removing of the differences at present subsisting among them or between any of them and the I. O. O. F. as organized on this side of the Atlantic; the R. W. G. R. of this Grand Encampment to R. W. G. L. of the United States be, and he is hereby instructed to signify to that R. W. Body that this Grand Encampment concurs with the R. W. G. L. of Canada in its application for a charter to confirm the erection of such sovereign tribunal of Odd Fellowship for British North America, and to recognize the same as an independent jurisdiction of the Order.

7. *Resolved*,—That in concurring in this application for the reasons above set forth, this Grand Encampment takes occasion, as well in behalf of the body into which after the issue of such Charter it will be merged, as in its capacity as representing the several Encampments of the Order in Canada, to place on record its unreserved engagement to adhere to the principles and work of the Order, in concert with the R. W. G. L. of the United States, and such other sovereign tribunals of the Order as from time to time may be hereafter regularly constituted; to maintain at all times the most intimate fraternal relations with the several branches of the Order under their respective government; and until such time as the number of the regularly recognised Independent Jurisdictions of the Order shall admit of more comprehensive arrangements being made in this behalf, to receive the A. T. P. W. from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to accredit to its Annual Communications a Special Grand Representative or Representatives, to receive with becoming distinction such Special Grand Representative or Representatives, as the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States may in return accredit, and freely to interchange with it copies of desired Documents and Records.

8. *Resolved*,—That in order to the securing of perfect uniformity and correctness in the whole work of the Order under the arrangement above set forth, the R. W. G. R. of this Grand Encampment be, and he is hereby, further instructed to request of the R. W. G. L. of the United States, that that Right Worthy Body or its Officers should cause the fullest possible instruction to be give to himself and to the R. W. G. R. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in regard to the details of the said work, and especially in regard to the Higher and Past Official Degrees.

9. *Resolved*,—That inasmuch as it appears to this Grand Encampment to be inconvenient that a Sovereign Tribunal of the Order having Independent Jurisdiction, should be designated by a title which is also