

By the courtesy of Brother Walter Spencer, of the Masonic Depot, opposite Freemasons' Hall, we have been favored with a view of this rare curiosity, presumably that mentioned by Clavel in 1843. We found it of much interest as a delineation of costume and manners of the period, but a more ridiculous libel than we had believed possible, of our Masonic ancestors. It is indexed thus:

"1° The Grand Tyler (on a donkey) carrying ye sword of State, a present of old Ishmael Abiff to old Hiram King of ye Saracene, to H. G. of Watin, G. M. of ye Holy Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem in Clarkenwell. 4° ye Stewards in three Gutt Carts, drawn by Asses—and so on."

Some of the brethren appear stumping it on wooden legs, others in rags and tatters, the G. M. and his attendants adorned with sheeps' and asses' heads; fools'-caps are frequent, and huge paunches—showing that propensity to good living was not unknown as a taunt against us in those days. The engraving is, however, a real work of art, and inspires us with admiration for the misdirected talent of the draughtsman.

Brother Spencer's kindness did not end here, for after noting these details, he produced with pardonable enthusiasm, a smaller and somewhat discolored rarity—which, said he, "is doubtless, also unique. It was purchased by my father at the sale of the library of Horace Walpole, at Strawberry Hill, hidden under the cover of an old edition of the *Constitutions*." This was of earlier date than the former, having been printed in 1741, and sold by Mrs. Dodd, at the Peacock without Temple Bar. It is a sketchy print, colored, the ornaments used have gone bad with age, and produced the blotches which disfigure it. It bears as title, "*Mock Masonry: or the Grand Procession*," represents the coach of the G. M. drawn by eight jibbing hacks, two cart loads of the Grand Stewards and other functionaries, with extemporised instruments of music, to which the jackasses they bestride give chorus.—*Freemason's Chronicle*.

MASONRY IN IRELAND.

R. W. BRO. KIVAS TULLY, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland near the Grand Lodge of Canada, sends us some interesting extracts from Dublin papers, bearing chiefly on the installation of the new Grand Master, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The *Evening Mail* says of the installation:

"The brilliant ceremony of yesterday, when his Grace the Duke of Abercorn was installed Grand Master, in room of the late lamented Duke of Leinster, excited universal interest among Freemasons, and will give no less satisfaction to members of the Order in other parts of the kingdom. The leading Irish brethren assembled with enthusiasm to welcome the new Grand Master, whose acceptance of the responsibility is in itself so conspicuous a proof that Masonic obligations are consistent with every social duty, proper to the most elevated in rank, and to every relation of life—ruler, subject, citizen, friend. The order has in this country fewer enemies than might be imagined from certain occasional fulminations. Even these hollow thunderings are rather reverberations of an antiquated Continental artillery than the result of native elemental wrath. The Irish people know Masonry as a pledge of good will and as a league of good works. It links together men of various opinions and sympathies in matters political and social, and discovers to those divided by prejudices, that heart need not follow head into public strife. The scene yesterday, when his Grace was proclaimed Grand Master, was one long to be remembered. The applause of the brethren is insufficiently described by the word enthusiastic. His Grace's election to the high office was confirmed by an applause as complete as if the utterance of but one voice. The proceedings in every respect were abundantly effective, and full of promise for the future of the Order under the rule of the new Grand Master. His Grace, who spoke with great judgment, eloquence, and effect, added to the gratitude which the brethren feel towards him when he nominated as Deputy Grand Master one so greatly esteemed as the Deputy Grand Master under the Duke of Leinster—one whose praise is in the mouth of every member of the Order. The Marquis of Headfort, and that veteran Mason, Lord Dunboyne, were also received with much warmth and earnestness, and the function was brought to a most pleasing termination amid the congratulations of all present. We do not conceive that any Irish journal or person can desire to disparge a ceremonial connected as this eminently was, with the generous confidences in which true charity takes root, and in which the highest social virtues are matured."

Another Dublin journal has the following:

"The Freemasons of Ireland may be congratulated as warmly as their new Grand Master upon the event which formed the subject of yesterday's ceremonial. In his Grace the Duke of Abercorn they have a president in all respects worthy to succeed the venerable peer, who, for over half a century, ruled with a wise and gentle sway, which will ever be remembered in the annals of the craft. They are not insensible of