

of Nova Scotia, together with the reply thereto, was submitted to Grand Lodge and read :

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C., }
May 11th, 1871.

M. W. Sir and Brother,—

On the 16th May, 1870, I addressed a letter to Bro. H. C. D. Twining, your then Grand Secretary, relative to the claim made by the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 398, E. R., to participate in the late District Grand Lodge funds, to which letter, owing perhaps to his having vacated his office, I have received no reply, and I had hoped that the matter was amicably settled. A few days back, however, I received another letter from the members of the Royal Standard, stating that no notice had been taken of their communication with the present Grand Lodge, and forwarding copy of a letter which they had addressed to yourself.

I am now instructed by my Colonial Board to address you direct upon the above named subject, and to express their hope that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia will take the claim of the Royal Standard into its favorable consideration. It does seem but just that the Lodge should participate in those funds which it has contributed to create, and which it would still have been in the enjoyment of, had not such an important alteration taken place in the Masonic position of Nova Scotia.

I have the honor to be,

M. W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY.

Hon. ALEX. KEITH, M.W.G.M. Nova Scotia.

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,
Office of Grand Secretary,
No. 17, Poplar Grove,
Halifax, June 30, 1871.

V. W. Sir and Brother,—

I am directed by the Most Worshipful the Hon. Alex. Keith, who has just returned from the United States, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 11, 1871, referring to a letter received by you from the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of this city, in which they claim a portion of the funds owned by the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at the time of the union of the two Masonic bodies in this Province in June, 1869.