

and acquaint you with the action which at present it seemed desirable should be taken in regard to the interests of Masonry in this province, viz;—R. W. Bro. Graham, R. W. Bro. Isaacson, and W. Bro. Milton, together with the writer. As R. W. Bro. Graham proposes leaving town this afternoon, we would feel it an obligation if you would name an early hour this morning when the desired interview may take place.

Waiting your reply, I have the honor to be,

My dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ALEXANDER MURRAY.

To which I replied :

MONTREAL, Sept 25th, 1869.

*Alexander Murray, Esq.,*

MY DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER,—In reply to your favor of this date, informing me that a Committee consisting of R. W. Bros. Graham and Isaacson, W. Bro. Milton and yourself, had been named at a meeting of delegates of Lodges in the Province of Quebec to wait upon me and acquaint me with the action which it seemed desirable should be taken in regard to the interests of Masonry in this Province, and enquiring at what hour it would be convenient for me to meet those brethren, I have to say that half-past 11 this forenoon would answer me, if that hour would be suitable for the brethren named. It will, however, be necessary that R. W. Brother Gutman, D. D. G. M. for this District, be also present at the proposed interview.

I remain, Dear Sir and R. W. Bro.,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A. A. STEVENSON,

Grand Master.

The Brethren above named waited upon me in accordance with this arrangement, but objected to introduce the subject on which they desired to consult me, if R. W. Bro. Gutman was to be permitted to be present. I called their attention to the express provision in my reply to R. W. Bro. Murray, that that officer should be present at the proposed interview, and further stated that whatever might be the nature of their business, I must positively refuse to hear anything relating to Freemasonry, which it would not be proper for them to say in his presence. That as District Deputy Grand Master, he had an undoubted right to know everything which transpired within his District, &c., &c. The deputation, after consulting together, asked leave to withdraw for a short time, and on their return, presented the following document :

THE UNDERSIGNED FREEMASONS, IN GOOD STANDING, BEG LEAVE RESPECTFULLY TO SUBMIT TO THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, AS FOLLOWS :

That at a large and influential meeting of Brethren from various Lodges in the Province of Quebec, held in this city last evening, they were requested and deputed to wait upon the M. W. the G. M. of the G. L. of Canada, and to inform him that the said meeting unanimously expressed itself in favor of the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, to be constitutionally established at an early date, and to ascertain from him whether he, as M. W. G. M., would be willing, at the earliest practicable time, to summon an Emergent Communication of the G. L. of Canada, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the important object they have in view can be carried out in a manner mutually satisfactory to all concerned.

J. H. GRAHAM.

JOHN HELDER ISAACSON.

THOS. MILTON.

ALEX. MURRAY.

MONTREAL, 25th Sept., 1869.

I read it over carefully, and informed those Brethren that so far as I then saw, there could only be one answer given to such a request—that they did not place before me any facts which would justify me in complying therewith—that the document itself, signed by four Past Masters,