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### GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC.

#### OFFICE OF THE GRAND Z. PROCLAMATION.

*To all Companions in obedience to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and to all Regular Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges of Mark Master Masons throughout the World:*

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., has granted warrants to form two lodges of Mark Master Masons at Montreal within the territory and jurisdiction of the "Grand Chapter of Quebec," named respectively "Victoria, No. 301," and "Henniker, No. 314," under which warrants said lodges have been erected and constituted, and also formed and constituted from and by the members of said Mark Lodges, a Provincial Grand Lodge styled "Provincial Grand Lodge for Quebec Province," under R. W. Bro. William Badgley as Provincial Grand Master; and

WHEREAS, The granting of such warrants has thus been done since the formation of said Grand Chapter of Quebec, and its unconditional recognition by said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., and the interchange of fraternal relations from time to time between said two Grand Bodies; and

WHEREAS, said Grand Chapter of Quebec has, since its formation, sole and exclusive jurisdiction over the territory of the Province of Quebec, so far as relates to Capitular Masonry, or the degrees of Mark Master and intermediate degrees to, and inclusive of the Royal Arch degree, by reason whereof such action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., was, and is an unjustifiable and unlawful invasion of the territory and jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, in violation of well established principles of Masonic jurisdiction, and an attack upon the sovereignty of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; and

WHEREAS, On the thirteenth day of August last past, I did on behalf and in the name of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, solemnly protest against the establishment of said named Mark Lodges, by letter addressed to the Right Honorable Lord Henniker, Most Worshipful Grand Master of said Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., and demanded the withdrawal of the warrants of said two Mark Master Lodges, notifying him that failure to comply with such demand on or before the twenty-fourth day of September then next, and now last past, would necessitate the severance of fraternal rela-