

the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, *in re*, as so clearly and emphatically enunciated in the Constitutions of England, Scotland, and Ireland;—it also shows that “the fathers” of the Craft in both hemispheres, held identical views thereanent;—and it further demonstrates the perversion thereof which has been evolved in the Colonial Masonic Policy of England and whose continuance some now seek to justify.

Moreover, “the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario,” has, in her Constitution, adopted the English Constitutional proviso, denying recognition to any lodge in her territory, and debarring the members thereof from all Masonic privileges whatever, unless said Lodge is of her obedience;—and the Grand Lodge of Quebec has, in addition to the foregoing, declared that any private lodge established by her in any unoccupied territory, and which does not take part in the regular formation of a Grand Lodge for said territory, shall forfeit its warrant from Quebec, unless within one year from the establishment of said Grand Lodge, it becomes of obedience thereto.

Is the Grand Lodge of England Masonically right *in re*, and are all the other Grand Lodges in what are, or formerly were, Dependencies of the United Kingdom, wrong?

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If there are good brethren in England who are still unconvinced of the correctness of the Quebec constitutional and historical contentions re

exclusive territorial Grand Lodge sovereignty and private lodge obedience, I would now fraternally appeal to such thoughtfully to consider the *expediency* of the policy of longer countenancing the claim of private lodges of their institution in the Colonies, to a continuance of English Grand Lodge obedience after the regular establishment of Independent Grand Lodges in and for the territories in which said private lodges are situated.

In view of what appear to be the uniformly evil results flowing from multiple private lodge obedience in all the Colonies and other Dependencies of the Empire, in which Grand Lodges have been formed; and knowing that the same or like results will constantly recur under like circumstances,—it does seem to me that it is now the part of good and wise brethren in England, who (and whose predecessors) have done so much for the extension and upbuilding of our beloved Fraternity, at home and abroad (and whose now Colonial policy may perchance have had a quasi-justification during what may have been deemed the Colonial Masonic tutelage era),—now promptly and seriously to consider not only the *expediency*, but the *absolute necessity* of so modifying their Masonic policy towards the Craft in the Imperial Dependencies that it may assure peace, harmony and union, locally and inter-jurisdictionally; and remove and prevent their opposites, with all their unfraternal and other evil consequences, of which one from his “heart of hearts,” may say *horresco referens*.

Let it also be borne in mind that by the Colonial policy hitherto fol-