

**The Canadian Craftsman.***Port Hope, April 15, 1887.***THE GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND,**

vs.

**THE GREAT PRIORY OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.**

Col. MacLeod Moore, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada, having received a petition in due form, praying for a Warrant to establish a Preceptory in the city of Melbourne, the capital of the Colony of Victoria, "continent" of Australia;—after careful consideration, and advisement with the members of his "Grand Council," he issued on May 1, 1886, a Dispensation for the establishment of "Metropolitan Preceptory" in said city; and at its Annual Assembly in July of last year, the Sovereign Great Priory of the Dominion granted a Warrant therefor.

## VICTORIA.

It appears that, years ago, three Preceptories holding English Warrants, *had* existed in the Colony of Victoria, but as per English report, "they had become suspended through irregularities in sending their annual returns," &c.; and an "English Provincial" Priory which supervised the said Preceptories, had necessarily shared the same fate.

In the mean time, Metropolitan Preceptory, under its Canadian Warrant, had been duly constituted and was flourishing apace, when it further appears that *one* of the "suspended" English Preceptories "removed its

suspension, by making its annual returns and payments to the Great Priory of England, and resumed active work," and it is affirmed in England, that the other *two* suspended Preceptories *may* yet do the same.

## ENGLAND.

At the Annual Assembly of the National Great Priory of England, held on the 10th day of December last, the Grand Council having taken the foregoing into consideration, made the following Report, which, after "some discussion and explanation," and an elaborate address in support thereof having been made by the Great Sub-Prior, (as given in the January number of the CRAFTSMAN,) "was unanimously adopted," namely:—

(1) That this Great Priory should strongly protest against this unjustifiable infringement of its jurisdiction in one of the Dependencies of the British Crown by the Supreme Grand Master of Canada.

(2) That the Great Priory of Canada should be requested to at once withdraw the Warrant of the Metropolitan Preceptory.

(3) That the Preceptories in Victoria acting under the English Constitution, should be ordered to have no intercourse with, or in any way recognize the illegally constituted Preceptory, or any of its members.

(4) That should this illegal Warrant not be recalled within three months of the passing of this resolution, this National Great Priory do sever all connection with, and for the future refuse to recognize, the Great Priory of Canada.

## CANADA.

The Report containing the foregoing action of the Great Priory of England, having been duly forwarded to the S. G. M. of the Dominion, he