

APPEAL.

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Office of the Grand Master,

RICHMOND, P. Q., 4th February, 1873.

To the M. W. the Grand Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Maine, New Hampshire, Iowa, Wisconsin, Texas, Nebraska, Nova Scotia, Nevada, Kansas, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, North Carolina, Connecticut, Indiana, New York, Vermont, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Alabama, Brazil, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, South Carolina, California, Utah, Belgium, Portugal, La Plata, Peru; and all Regular Grand Lodges of Freemasons, throughout the world, to whom these presents may come.

Greeting:

BRETHREN;

On the 20th day of October, A. L. 5869, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, was duly formed in accordance with the principles and Constitutions of our ancient, and honorable fraternity, and has hitherto received from you, (being upwards of thirty of the leading Grand Lodges of the World) fraternal recognition, as an Independent, sovereign Grand Lodge of Freemasons;—and as such, both in accordance with your recognition, and the great principles of our fraternity, is entitled to, and in duty bound to exercise exclusive Masonic authority over all ancient craft Freemasons, and all lodges of such, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Quebec; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Canada, in violation of all the considerations implied in her appeal (in conjunction with this Grand Lodge) to you and other Grand Lodges for a decision on the questions involved in our formation, still refuses to yield to, and abide by said

Master.