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Grand Master Graham's Recent Argument on Exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty.

In the brief synopsis that we were compelled to make of the able address of our talented M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham at the recent session of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we had not time to refer to "The Historical Facts and Deductions" he drew therefrom regarding the question of Exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty. To say they are able, logical and unanswerable, is only what might be expected, when they come from so distinguished a Masonic juriconsult as the learned Grand Master of our sister Province.

Hitherto it has been almost received as an accepted fact, that the doctrine of Exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty was peculiarly and essentially American, and only originally acknowledged by Grand Lodges in the United States, it having been there introduced for the convenience of local government. Even the Grand Lodge of Canada has never officially proclaimed it, having suffered concurrent Grand Lodge Sovereignty within her jurisdiction up to a very recent date, and even some of the

Grand Lodges of the neighboring Republic have themselves denied it— notably Missouri—whose recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was declined on account of its being only of a partial nature, *i. e.*, that the Lodges working in that jurisdiction and not holding allegiance to that Grand Lodge should not be interfered with. She is even now, too, endeavoring to injure her own daughter, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, because said Grand Lodge will not acknowledge Silver City Lodge, working within her jurisdiction, but holding a charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, as a legal and legitimate Masonic Body. The doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty, however, we repeat, was generally accepted as American. This Bro. Graham declares to be erroneous and produces the following proofs:—

CONSTITUTION OF THE G. L. OF ENGLAND.

In the "Constitution of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons;" Constitution of the "United Grand Lodge of England," edition "August, 1863," page 62, Section 10,