

also that I had encroached on the jurisdiction of the Prov. Grand Commander for Nova Scotia, the Hon. Alex. Keith. Now it appears, that when application was made to Grand Commander Keith, by *fratres* desirous of opening an Encampment in St. John, under the Grand Conclave of England, he declined doing so, not considering New Brunswick under his control, and it was not until after due consideration and being strongly urged by the petitioners, that I consented to issue a dispensation. This controversy terminated so far satisfactorily, that the Chapter General of Scotland did not further assert their claim to St. John, New Brunswick, and the Grand Conclave of England authorized Provincial Grand Commander Keith to issue another Provisional Warrant to open the "*Union de Molay*," which has since been confirmed, and *this Encampment* is now in a highly flourishing and prosperous condition, mainly through the exertions of their first Emt. Commander † Fra., Robert Marshall.

I regret exceedingly that any misunderstanding of this kind should have occurred, as it was far from my wish or intention to interfere with the Jurisdiction of Grand Commander Keith, indeed it was so stipulated when my *patent* as Grand Prior of the Dominion was made out, but as the mistake did *not* arise *with me*, Grand Commander Keith, being *unaware* how far his authority extended, neither is it clear to me that the authorities in England were much better informed, the summary annulling of my Provisional Warrant, was, to say the least of it, an extreme measure, my authority as Grand Prior extending over the whole Dominion, the Chapter General of Scotland having *no* right to claim *exclusive* jurisdiction over any part of it.

We now number *thirteen* Encampments and Priories on our roll, exclusive of the "*Union de Molay*," of St. John, and "*Nova Scotia*," of Halifax, also under England. *Three* new Encampments have been established since last annual assembly, viz:—The "*Hurontario*" of Collingwood, the "*Moore*," of Peterborough, and "*Mount Calvary*," of Orillia, all in the Province of Ontario. The two latter Encampments, I lately consecrated and opened myself, and have little doubt, from the zeal and intelligence shown by the *Commanders and Fratres* composing them, that their success is certain. I am also gratified in announcing that the "*Geoffrey de St. Aldermar*" Encampment of Toronto, so long dormant, has been again *revived*, under the most favorable auspices, by its former talented Commander † Fra. S. B. Harman, and promises to hold its old place, *second* to *none* in the Dominion.

It will be necessary for the Registrars of Encampments to be particular in sending to the Chancellor of this Grand Priory, the annual returns in proper time for transmission to the Grand Conclave of England, the names of several Encampments in the Dominion appearing in the report of the Committee of Grand Conclave, in May last, as not