

the Grand Lodge of Canada, the meetings of said lodge to be held at the village of Adamsville, aforesaid.

And inasmuch as the election of officers for the present year could not, for obvious reasons, be held at the time provided for in the by-laws, I further authorise the members of Browne Lodge to proceed forthwith to the election and installation of a Worshipful Master, Wardens and other officers, who shall continue in office for the balance of the present year, or until the period fixed by the by-laws for holding such election.

And for the performance of the acts hereinbefore enumerated, this shall be sufficient authority, until the Lodge be placed in possession of the original warrant, or a duplicate thereof be granted.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the city of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

A. A. STEVENSON,  
Grand Master.

Certain members of Nelson Lodge also forwarded a Memorial, the purport of which may be gathered from the following:

*To all to whom these presents shall come,*

GREETING,—

Whereas, it appears from a Memorial presented to me, signed by certain Brethren, members of Nelson Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 8 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that at the regular Communication of that Lodge, held on the 17th of March last, the Worshipful Master and certain other brethren, constituting a majority of the members present on that evening adopted, without previous notice, a resolution renouncing their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and recognizing the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. That the warrant of the lodge was taken possession of by these seceding brethren, and is yet retained by them. That the Memorialists remain true to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and are desirous of carrying on the work of the lodge as heretofore under that jurisdiction, and they now pray that a duplicate Warrant or dispensation be granted to enable them to do so.

Therefore, having duly considered the Memorial aforesaid, and conceiving it to be my duty to comply with the prayer of the Memorialists, I do, by these presents, authorise and empower R. W. Bro. H. Montgomery, P. M. and Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. L. W. Decker, P. M. and Grand Pursuivant, W. Bro. P. E. Luke, P. M. and Secretary, Bro. J. Q. Carr, Senior Warden, Bro. L. Strite, Treasurer; Bro. D. T. R. Nye, Inner Guard, and Bro. F. A. Hogle, with such others as may be associated with them, to continue the work of Nelson Lodge, No. 8, as heretofore, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for so doing, this shall be sufficient authority until the original Warrant shall be restored, or a duplicate thereof granted.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, this second day of May, 1870.

A. A. STEVENSON, Grand Master.

These presents are also to give authority to Nelson Lodge to elect a Worshipful Master and Junior Warden (if found to be necessary) who may serve in these capacities until the period prescribed in the By-Laws for the election of officers.

A. A. STEVENSON, Grand Master.

From the foregoing, Grand Lodge will be enabled to perceive the difficult position in which many Brethren have been placed by the unconstitutional action of those members of Lodges favouring the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and I entertain no doubt that the Grand Lodge will not only extend its sympathy, but its active support, to maintain these Lodges in the exercise of their Masonic rights and privileges.

A further application was made in the month of April, by W. Bro. Dr. Campbell, the W. M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 173, which I subjoin:—

“Montreal, 26th April, 1870.

ALEXANDER A. STEVENSON, Esq., G. M.

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.—As you are already aware, early last fall, at the time of the attempted formation of the so-called G. Lodge of Quebec, one or two members of Victoria Lodge, 173, G. R. C., who attempted to transfer the allegiance of the Lodge, took possession of its charter, and had it endorsed by the so-called G. Lodge of Quebec, with a view of the Lodge being continued under the new register. A very