

CONSTITUTION

ishment, from time to time, of Lodges in the Province of British Columbia, under warrants from the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland:

And whereas, by virtue of a Commission from the M. W. the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, dated the 20th day of December, A. D., 1866, authority was granted for a Provincial Grand Lodge over Lodges in British Columbia, under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland:

And whereas, by virtue of a Patent from the M. W. Grand Master of England, dated the 10th day of September, A. D., 1867, authority was granted for a District Grand Lodge over Lodges in British Columbia, under the jurisdiction of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of England:

And whereas, the Craft in British Columbia, by the almost unanimous vote of the Brethren taken per capita in each one of the Lodges holding under those Jurisdictions, avowed itself in favour of the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge:

And whereas, at a joint convention of the representatives from Lodges on the Registers of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland in British Columbia, held on the 21st day of October, A. D., 1871, in the City of Victoria, in consequence of such vote and called by the consent and authority of the R. W. the Provincial and District Grand Masters, to take such action as might be deemed necessary for the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge of Free Masons in British Columbia:

It was unanimously resolved that in order to establish perfect fraternal harmony and to promote the lasting welfare of the Masonic Fraternity in British Columbia, it was expedient to form a Grand Lodge in and for the Province of British Columbia: