

public life. In 1763 he declined a seat in the Council preferring the representative chamber. During the period of his Speakership, the House sat for fourteen years without a dissolution, the "Long Parliament of Nova Scotia." His house stood on Grafton St., but was demolished on the erection of the Moir Factory some years ago. His portrait hangs on the walls of the Library of King's College, Windsor. He died in 1784.

Such were the men who founded the first Masonic Lodge in Halifax. We have not been able to ascertain where any of them were made members of the Craft. Cornwallis and Nesbitt would seem to have occupied the chair of other lodges before coming to Halifax.

**Lord Colville.** The Lord Colville referred to in the history quoted above was the Right Hon. Alexander, 4th Lord Colville, a man of great distinction. He left Halifax with the fleet soon after his initiation, and was "raised" and voted a member of the First Lodge in Boston, on Oct. 24th, 1750. On Jan. 11th, 1751, we find him representing the Second Lodge in Grand Lodge as Master of the Lodge succeeding Henry Price, the first Provincial Grand Master of North America. He continued as W. M. until St. John's Day, June 24th, 1752. On that date he appears as Deputy Grand Master of North America, and according to the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts "summoned the Brethren to attend him at the Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury, where he held a Grand Lodge, and the Day was celebrated as usual."

He seems to have won the hearts of the profane as well as of his Brethren. On May 12th, 1752, "at a meeting of the Freholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston in Publick Town Meeting assembled, at Faneuil Hall," the following preamble and vote were adopted:

"Whereas the Right Honourable Alexander Lord Colville, Commander of His Majesty's Ship "Success," has upon all occasions during his station here, for about three years past, discovered the utmost readiness to do everything in his Power for promoting the Interest of the Province, of this Town in particular, and by his Conduct and good Services has given great Satisfaction to the Town, and the Freholders; and the Inhabitants taking the same into Consideration, proposed and thereupon unanimously Voted that