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RICHMOND, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,
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JUNE 23, 1888.)

*Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, M. W. Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark
Master Masons of England and Wales,
&c., &c.*

M. W. SIR,—It becomes my duty to communicate the following to you, and to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, over which you preside:—

On December 12, 1876, the M. E. the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec, was regularly formed by the union and co-operation of all the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in our Province (with the exception of the St. Paul's Chapter, E. R., in Montreal), and claiming to have, and to exercise, within our said Province, exclusive sovereign jurisdiction over all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, including (as said constituent Chapters always did include) all lodges of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Masons; and, as such, our Grand Chapter of Quebec, has been duly recognized by, and has interchanged Grand Representatives with, nearly all Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Chapters throughout the world.

On September 25, 1878,—as Grand Z,—I addressed our M. E. Grand

Chapter of Quebec, in Annual Convocation, as follows: "I beg to recommend this Grand Chapter to consider the propriety of recognizing, and establishing fraternal correspondence with, the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, as duly entitled to exercise supreme authority over all lodges of that degree in England and Wales, and in all the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown, wherein no other Grand Body exists (or of right may be formed) claiming jurisdiction over that degree, and that said recognition be duly communicated, together with our hearty good wishes, to that Grand Lodge." This recommendation was, by resolution, unanimously adopted by our Grand Chapter, and an authenticated copy thereof, forwarded to the Grand Secretary of your Grand Lodge.

At an early subsequent communication of your Grand Lodge, the above recognition, accorded to it by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, was accepted by your Grand Body, with expressions of marked fraternal satisfaction, and the following announcement appeared shortly thereafter in your printed proceedings, viz.: "Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, &c., M. E. Comp. John H. Graham, M. A., LL. D., Grand First Principal Z., to the