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COPY OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE OF
G. L. OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

To the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

The Committee on jurisprudence to which was referred sundry papers relative to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in and for the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, make the following

REPORT.

The papers referred to your Committee are:—

1. Proceedings of the Convention of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held at the city of Montreal, Province of Quebec, on the 20th and 21st of October, 1869. Also, the report of the organization of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec.
2. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada at a special emergent Communication held at the City of Montreal on the first day of December 1869.
3. A circular from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, of November, 20 1869, setting forth the reasons for the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The proceedings of the convention show that in conformity with a call dated September, 30 1869, signed by a large number of highly respectable Brethren of the Province of Quebec, twenty-one lodges assembled in convention, and did form the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The proceedings of the emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held on the first day of December, are entirely on the subject of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and in opposition thereto.

The circular from the Grand Lodge of Quebec sets forth at considerable length, and in a very clear manner, the right of the Brethren, who formed that Grand Lodge, to do so.

Your Committee are now called upon to give to this Grand Lodge their views and conclusions upon this important subject.

They have read, with great care, all the papers submitted, and they cannot see any reason why the Grand Lodge of Quebec, is not a legally formed and properly constituted Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Canada, was formed in 1855. Prior to the formation of that Grand Lodge, Freemasonry in Canada was principally under the control of the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodges were called "Provincial Grand Lodges" and the "Provincial Grand Master" were appointed by the Grand Master of England.—