

derstand them, your most sacred obligations ; you run, if I know any thing of the matter, you run contrary to the spirit and tenor of all your lectures.—In short, if we obey not this admonition, we forfeit our characters, both as good men and Masons.

Let me therefore again impress it on your minds, as I must be faithful to God, to my conscience and to my King, that you would so order your lives as to approve yourselves good Masons, good Men, and good Citizens, by conscientiously loving the Brotherhood, fearing God, and honoring the King.—And, at the present important crisis, whether in our families, in our neighbourhood, in the Church, in our Lodge, or even in the cheerful, social, festive hour, let it be the wish of the heart, that *God would save the King*, and by him preserve to us all our Civil, Religious, and Masonic privileges, to which, I trust, with one heart and one voice, we shall all say, Amen, and Amen.

( *Here all the Masons with a loud voice, to repeat Amen and Amen.* )

#### TO CONCLUDE,

The social principle is one of the most valuable blessings bestowed upon us by the God of nature—but, as the best things, when corrupted, often become the worst, so this, when ill-managed, and indiscreetly applied, is a source of the bitterest evils.

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