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SUPREME COUNCIL.

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I think you must have misunderstood my Brother Townshend. I am quite sure that he has no thought of *healing* or consenting to the healing of the so-called Sup. Co. of New Zealand. Bro. Oddi expresses to me the hope that, in consideration of the prompt submission of his Council to the opinions of other Councils, one or other of the British Councils will regularize the Sup. Co. of New Zealand as a Consistory; which either has a right to do, and to grant it Letters of Constitution.

We all agree entirely with you in regard to making Sup. Co. for Colonies and Provinces. I do not think that we shall ever consent to the creation of such a Body any where, or acknowledge one, if created.

Canada was in some sense an independent country. But there was another reason added to that, why we were willing to see it have a Sup. Council. By the Gr. Constitutions (Latin) it is provided that there shall be two Councils for North America, Continents and Islands; and therefore Canada was not, for the Anc. and Acc. Rite, a Masonic Dependency of either England, Scotland or Ireland; and as neither of our Councils claimed jurisdiction there, it could well have a Sup. Co. of its own.

We shall not consider that a precedent for any other Colony or Province.

I am very glad that Egypt will repudiate its illegal 33ds, whose assaults on your Sup. Council deprive them of any claim to favor at your hands, or consideration at ours.—I am,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

ALBERT PIKE, 33°,

*Sov. Gr. Com.*

ILL. BRO. LINDSAY MACKERSY, 33°,

Sec. Gen., H. E.

Supplement to the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

FRANCE.

Since the close of the Session of the Supreme Council, information has been received of the death of the Illustrious Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for France, BARON TAYLOR, who died at Paris, on 6th September, and who was distinguished alike for his Masonic zeal, and for his interest in the arts, and in all that tends to elevate and dignify human character.

Information has also been received that nine Lodges of the obedience of the Grand Lodge Central of the Supreme Council of France, headed by Lodge *Justice*, have set up an authority which they call a Symbolic Grand Lodge Independent. They declare that they do not desire to separate themselves from the Scottish