

April.—“Two meetings of this Lodge took place in this month, one being regular Lodge night, and the other an Emergency, but no other business was done than merely taking leave of our worthy Brother and much regretted Master, Richard Porter, Esq., who was unavoidably called off—though much against his wish and inclination, was obliged to resign the Chair.”

Bro. Porter was Captain of the 60th Regiment. The cause of his resigning the chair was probably the removal of his regiment from Kingston; and the Senior Warden, Bro. Burrell, acted as Master until the Installation in June.

On the 7th May 15 members were present and 6 absent, 3 of whom have the word sick opposite their names. One visitor was also present, Bro. John Slykeman, from No. 5, New Johnston. One F. C. was raised, and one E. A. was passed. A ballot was also taken for the Candidate whose petition had lain over for further consideration since February, “who was rejected by a majority.”

On the 4th day of June there were 15 members present and 6 absent. “A motion was made by Bro. Senior that the Rev. Mr. Stuart be requested to preach a sermon for this Lodge on St. John’s day, and that he shall be invited to dine with this Lodge at that festival. The election of officers to serve the ensuing six months then took place as follows, viz:

“Elected for the Chair, Bro. Mackay to be W.M.; Sec. Stewart, S. W.; McLeod, J. W.; Sparham, S. D.; Beasley, J. D.; Darley, Treasurer; McDonnell, Secretary. Upon motion of Brother Secretary, a Lodge of Emergency shall take place next Thursday, for the sole purpose of adjusting the Lodge accounts, and that all the members have notice thereof and give their attendance accordingly. Closed as usual.

(Signed) G. C. STEWART, Sec.”

The meeting took place on the 11th June, 15 members being present. But the “sole” business recorded as having been transacted was raising three F. C.’s to the third degree, and “that five shillings be paid by each member for Saint John’s Festival. No further business offering—closed at ten o’clock.” There may have been “Giants in those days,” but they were certainly very loose in managing their business.

On St. John’s day, after recording the names of 17 members as present, the minutes read as follows: “At 11 o’clock A. M., the Lodge as above, opened in due form in the 3rd degree, and proceeded to instal the officers elected on the 4th instant, which was done in due form. The Lodge afterwards went in procession to the church, and attended Divine service, after which it was resolved that the thanks of the body be offered to the Rev. Mr. Stewart for his most excellent discourse, and that eight dollars be presented to him, and two dollars to his clerk. Closed at half-past one o’clock P. M.

(Signed) W. M. McDONNELL, Sec.”

The officers installed this day were,—William Mackay, Esq., Superintendent Indian Navigation, W. M.; John C. Stewart, Gent., S. W.; John McLeod, Commissariat dept., J. W.; Thomas Sparham, Barrack Master, S. D.; Thomas Beasley, Gent., J. D.; John Darley, Tavern-keeper, Treasurer;

William McDonnell Asst. store-keeper, Secretary. It is not mentioned whether the Rev. Gentleman or his clerk accepted the liberal donations offered them, or whether the former dined with the Lodge, but we have, instead, the letter of thank from the Lodge, viz: “Freemason’s Tavern, Wednesday, 24th June, 1795. Sir,—I am directed by the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge No. 6, to present to you their united thanks for the honor you have done them this day, and that they sincerely hope and wish that the sentiments so elegantly expressed in your most excellent sermon may be deeply impressed on the minds of the Body, as well as the other part of the congregation. I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) W. McDONNELL, Sec.”

July 2nd.—Fourteen present, 7 absent. “The Lodge opened in — degree. A motion made—Brethren absent on their lawful concerns for the dues to the box when the same shall be beyond their Cable Tow.” Not a very explicit motion, certainly. “A motion made and carried that this meeting of the Lodge be Tyld by the Brethren in rotation, beginning with Brother Burrell, and that the present Tyler be dismissed from his employment.” There always has been, and I suppose always will be, difficulties with Tylers. Happy the Lodge that has a good one. Let the brethren make much of him, for he is a “rara avis in terris.”

Aug. 6.—Twelve reported present, and 9 absent, 5 of whom have “sick” against their names, 3 “excused,” and one is fined 1s. 6d. “A motion made by Bro. Darley to take off the next monthly Lodge till the first Thursday in October. The W. M. and Wardens ordered to attend the Grand Provincial Lodge of U. Canada, in the Home District. The following letter was read to the Body before closing the Lodge on the 6th inst:

“To the Worshipful Master and good Brethren of Lodge No. 6: It is the will and pleasure of the R. W. P. G. Master, William Jarvis, Esq., that I inform you that Wednesday, the 26th day of August next, at Newark, is the time and place appointed on which the representatives of the several Lodges in the Province are to assemble and form a Committee for the purpose of electing the officers to compose the Provincial Grand Lodge, at which time and place you are desired to attend. Fail not. By order of the R. W. Grand Master. July, Anno Dom. 1795, Anno Sap., 5795.”

(Signed) D. PHELPS, G. Sec. pro tem.

“N. B.—Should it be inconvenient, on account of your distance, or otherwise, for you Wardens to attend the foregoing, the attendance of the Worshipful Master only, with a written instrument empowering him to act as fully and amply in behalf of the Lodge as if the Wardens were present, will be dispensed with, and he will bring with him the jewel of the officer whom he may represent. It will be expedient that you make a return at the within mentioned time, of the number of your Lodge, when they were respectively raised, when made members, &c.”

This concludes the first year of the existence of No. 6—for the name of “St. John’s Lodge” does not once appear in the minutes. It had commenced, so far as we can gather, with but five members. On the 11th Sept., the first meeting after being con-