

AN OLD DIPLOMA.

The *Hingham Journal* says: Capt. S. S. Day has in his possession a curious relic of "ye ancienne time," being a manuscript diploma granted by Tyrian Lodge, A. F. and A. Masons, to Eben Tarbox, in 1787, of which the following is a copy:

And the Darkness comprehended it not. In the East a place of Light, where reigns "Silence and peace." From the TYRIAN LODGE, No. 1, held in Gloucester, New England: To the Right Worshipful Masters, Worshipful Wardens, and brethren of all regular Lodges of the ancient and honourable society of Free and Accepted Masons, Greeting:

BELOVED BRETHREN:—This is to certify that the bearer hereof, our brother EBEN TARBOX, hath been by us entered an Apprentice, passed a Fellow Craft, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, whose zeal for the royal craft induces us to recommend him to all the faithful wheresoever dispersed: And we have required our said brother to sign his name in the margin hereof, that the same may be demanded of him as a proof that these presents hath not fallen into suspicious hands.

Given under our hands and the seal of our Lodge, the 10th day of April, in the year of Light 5787 and Salvation 1787.

BARNETT HARKIN, Master.

THO. SAUNDERS, S. Warden.

DANIEL COLLINS, J. Warden.

NATH. WARNER, Sec'y.

EBEN TARBOX.

AN OLD WARRANT.

Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven.

To all and every the Rt. Worshl Brothers and Fellows of the Ancient and Honble Society of Free and Accepted Masons now residing at or about New Haven in the Colony of Connecticut in New England, or that may hereafter reside there; Thomas Oxnard Esqr of Boston in New England Provincial Grand Master of North America, Sendeth Greeting,

Whereas Application hath been made to us by Our Worthy and Wellbeloved Brother Capt. David Wooster, and Divers other Worther Brothers, now Residing in or about the said New Haven, Praying that We would Impower them there to Congregate and Form themselves into a Regular Lodge of Masons,

Now Knew ye,

That in Consideration thereof; and by virtue of the Power Committed to us by the Rt Honble and Rt Worshipful Grand Master of England We do hereby Appoint and Impower our True and Faithful Brother Capt David Wooster, to be the First Master of the First Lodge in New Haven aforesaid, and Do hereby Order that he Summons (as soon as may be) all the Free and Accepted Masons in or about the said Colony of Connecticut (taking especial care that they have been or shall be all Regularly made) to meet, and together make Choice of Two Wardens, that to them may seem meet, and that the said Lodge shall meet in a Convenient place in New Haven aforesaid on such days as shall be most convenient, and that the said Lodge do Annually on the Lodge Night immediately preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist Chuse from among their Members One Master and Two Wardens to Rule the said Lodge with other Officers necessary to the good Order thereof and Further that they Strictly Keep and Observe, all and Every the Rules and Regulations as Contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communications) with such other as they may Receive from us, or our Deputy Grand Master, or from the Grand Master and his Deputy for the time being, and that the Master and Wardens of said Lodge do Transmit to us in Writing a List of the Members of said Lodge, with the place of their abode and the stated Days and place of Meeting. Given under our Hand and Seal this Twelfth Day of November A. D. 1750 and of Masonry 5750.

By the Grand Master's Command.

HUGH McDANIEL, D.G.M.

BENJ. HALLOWELL, S.G.W.

JOHN BOX, S.G.W.

CHAS. PELHAM, G.S.

Registered in the Grand Lodge of Connecticut,

W. JOHN MIX, G. Secy.

The editor has asked me to say a few words about the Warrant, a transcript of which appears above. The facts are these. The Warrant was on 12th August, 1750, in answer to "the petition of several brethren at Newhaven in Connecticut, for the erection of a lodge there," as the "Book of Constitutions" of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for the year 1792, declares* (page 117.) As will be found, by reference to Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886" (page 57), the lodge was acknowledged