

The original instructions respecting the establishment of St. John's Lodge, No. 211, issued by William Dickie, D. G. M. (Ancients), are addressed to Charles Adams, Master of Lodge No. 155 as D. G. M. pro tem, W. Bro. Thomas McLennon, P. M. as S. G. W.; W. Bro. John Nevill, P. M. as J. G. W. and Wm. Lovegrove, P. M. as Grand Secretary.

Union Lodge. On May 4th, 1781 by a dispensation from Lodge 155 and Lodge 211, Henry Wickham, as Master; George Jones, as S. W.; and James Kelly as J. W. all of Lodge 155 were empowered "to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the said town of Halifax Nova Scotia, under the title of Union Lodge * * * upon the second Monday in every calendar month." By the establishment of Union Lodge there were three Lodges of the Ancients in Halifax. There was also a Modern Lodge of which John George Pyke, who was both an Ancient and a Modern Mason was the Master.

In this connection reference should be made to a letter addressed to the Grand Lodge of England (Ancients) dated July 21, 1781. The letter which is signed by the Master and Wardens of Lodge 155 and Lodge 211, sets out that "an application having been made to us by a number of our worthy Brethren of Lodge 155 (on account of the growth of that Lodge, whereby it had become rather too numerous and the same still having a prospect of increasing yet more), for a dispensation under our authority for forming and holding a Lodge until such time as a Warrant can be obtained from the R. W. the Grand Lodge upon the 2nd Monday of each Calendar Month" (also a similar application petition from Brethren of H. M. Independent Company, on the Island of St. John), and recommends that the petitions for warrants be granted.

It was not however until the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1784, that Union Lodge received a warrant becoming No. 1 on the new Provincial Register. Union Lodge later became one of the most important in the Province and continued its existence until 1838.

H. M. Independent Company, P. E. Island. The letter of July 21, 1781, referred to above, also refers to the application of Brethren of "His Majesty's Independent