

BROTHER SMITH'S HISTORY OF THE "HUMBER"
LODGE WARRANT, No. 53. (HULL.)

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"To all whom it may concern:" in the language of the old warrants we offer the following analysis of "A History of the Warrant of the Humber Lodge, arranged by P. M. Bro. J. Coltman Smith, P. G. R. North and East Ridings of Yorkshire." *Hull*, 1855. The compilation was made whilst Bro. Smith was Master, and written more with the intention of beguiling certain intervals of leisure in the business of the lodge, than for circulation amongst the brethren. The members unanimously decided to place the History in the hands of the printer, and accordingly to their decision we owe the neat little pamphlet. How many copies were issued we know not, but this we know, that we have never met with any but the one now before us, the property of our dear friend and brother Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, the famous Masonic bibliographer; and that it is, in consequence of its rarity, especially valuable to the Masonic antiquary.

Brother Smith in introducing his subject says: "A crumpled old piece of parchment you will doubtless think a dry subject; * * but with the ample materials at hand, perhaps I may, before I conclude this paper, succeed in rendering interesting to you that which now seems by no means likely to possess much in itself to recommend it to your notice." The Warrant faces Part I. and we reproduce it at once, so as to have a substantial beginning on which our remarks shall rest.

ATHOL, *Grand Master.*

WM. TINDALL, S. G. W.
No. 53.

LAW. DERMOTT, D. G. M. *The*
THOS. CARTER, J. G. W. *Athol*
ed.

To all whom it may concern :

We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the *Old Constitutions*, granted by his Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, A. D. 926, and in the year of Masonry 4926, in ample Form assembled, viz : The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis, and Earl of Athol; Marquis of Tullibardine; Earl of Strathsay and Strathardale; Viscount of Ballquiden, Glenalmond and Glenlyon; Lord Murray, Belveny, and Gask; Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kincleavin; Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland; and in that part of Great Britain called England, and in Masonical Jurisdiction thereto belonging, Grand Master of Masons: The R. W. Lawrence Dermott, Esq., D. G. M., the R. W. William Tindall, Esq., S. G. W., and the R. W. Thomas Carter, Esq., J. G. W., with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities of London and Westminster, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved Brother the Worshipful Patrick Vaughan, one of our Master Masons; the Worshipful Edward Ledward, his Senior Warden; and the Worshipful Thomas Griffiths, his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Buck and Dog, in Strand Street, (or elsewhere) in the Town of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, upon the first and third Monday of each Calendar Month, and upon all seasonable times and lawful occasions; and in the said Lodge, when duly congregated, to admit and make Freemasons, according to the most ancient and honorable customs of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world: And we do hereby further authorize and empower our said trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Patrick Vaughan, Edward Ledward and Thomas Griffin, with the consent of the Members of their Lodge, to nominate to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Power and Dignities, as Freemasons, &c., and such Successors shall in like manner nominate, choose, and install their successors, &c., &c., such Installation to be upon or near every St. John's day during the continuance of this Lodge for ever, provided the above-named, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge: otherwise this Warrant to be of no force and virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge, in London, this seventeenth Day of April, in the Year of our Lord; 1775, and in the Year of Masonry, 5775.

Grand
Lodge
Seal.

WILLIAM DICKEY, *Grand Secretary*:

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