

A protest had been served upon the W. Master, a copy of which follows :

QUEBEC, 27th December, 1869.

We, the undersigned, members of Harington Lodge No. 49, on the Grand Registry of Canada, A. F. & A. M., after due deliberation and mature consideration on the action taken by W. Bro. Burnstein, W. M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Joncas and Tweddell, and others, members of said Lodge, in unlawfully and unconstitutionally forcing their opinions on us, also members of the said Lodge, and passing a resolution not in accordance with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as the by-laws of Harington Lodge, and the landmarks of the Order, having for its object the joining of an irregular and illegal body of masons, styling itself the "Grand Lodge of Quebec," a body which we do not recognise as being in existence, the more especially as its aim is the dismemberment of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and the said Harington Lodge having, in consequence of such action, been duly suspended by the R. W. Bro. Alexander Walker, D. D. G. M. for the District of Quebec: We hereby affix our names to this document, pledging ourselves to discountenance all such unlawful proceedings, and to demand and keep the Warrant, &c., &c., of Harington Lodge No. 49, Grand Registry of Canada, until the decision of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada is obtained, and we also pledge ourselves at all times to oppose any and all proceedings which may be taken, or attempted to be taken, by seceding brethren already referred to, under the warrant of Harington Lodge No. 49, Grand Registry of Canada.

ALEX. WALKER, D. D. G. M.,
 ARCHD. McCALLUM, P. M.,
 RICHARD HUDSON,
 HENRY SMITH,
 JOHN DONALDSON,
 PETER BROGAN,
 JAMES GLEN JAMIESON,
 T. H. McCORKILL.

With reference to the foregoing, I may here state, that as the warrant, furniture, &c., had been taken possession of by the seceding brethren, and as it appeared that there was no prospect of their being permitted to meet in the room they formerly occupied, I preferred leaving the case to be dealt with by Grand Lodge. Our constitution on the question raised here, is very explicit. Under the head of "Private Lodges," Sec. 33, it is enacted: "As every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any lodge shall determine to quit the lodge, the constitution or power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided their number be not less than seven, &c., &c." Eight names are appended to the Harington Lodge, protest and demand.

Next follows a copy of the action taken on the application of Browne Lodge, No. 163, viz.:

Whereas a memorial has been presented to me by a number of the members of Browne Lodge, No. 163, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, setting forth: "That in the month of November last past at a meeting of said Lodge, the warrant was treacherously and falsely obtained from the Master, and then and there, without any regular vote of the members of said lodge, certain members of the lodge did then and there rebel against the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and did then transfer their allegiance to the would-be Grand Lodge of Quebec, together with the warrant, books, jewels, &c., belonging to said lodge, and that since that time the memorialists, members of said lodge, remaining loyal to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and refusing to recognise the authority of the would-be Grand Lodge of Quebec, have, in consequence, been deprived from meeting in their said lodge." Wherefore the Memorialists "pray that a duplicate warrant of said Browne Lodge be granted to them, free of charge, authorising them to meet at the village of Adamsville, county of Brome and the District of Bedford, in the Province of Quebec," &c., &c., &c.

And, whereas, after due deliberation, I deem it to be my duty to comply with the prayer of the Memorialists—Therefore, by virtue of the power vested in me as Grand Master, I do by these presents authorise and empower the brethren, whose names are appended to the memorial, viz: W. Bros. G. H. Kemp, W. M.; Chas Browne, P. M.; E. H. Higgins, P. M.; E. Racicot, P. M.; and Bros. Ira Scott, Thomas Ferguson, David Goddard, Elias Clow, John W. Knight, Peter A. Martin, and William Rider, to continue as heretofore the work and business of Browne Lodge, No. 163 on the registry of