

Emergent Communication of the Lodge held on the previous evening. The connection between the suspension of Zetland Lodge and this act of larceny, is apparent from a document received by me on the 18th, of which the following is a copy:—

MONTREAL, 18th Oct., 1869.

A. A. Stevenson, Esq.

SIR,—Unless the Warrant of Zetland Lodge be replaced in the hands of its Senior Warden not later than TUESDAY NEXT AT NOON, an important (?) masonic document now missing, will be *non est inventus*. The missing document to be sent by post to any officer indicated at the time.

I had no doubt as to the author of this production, but deemed it best, in view of the excited state of feeling which then existed, to allow the matter to lay over for a time, trusting that, on reflection, his own sense of duty and propriety would lead him to see the folly of the act, and induce a restitution of the document. So far, however, nothing has been heard from him on the subject. I authorized R. W. Bro. Gutman, the W. M., to continue the work of the Lodge of Antiquity as heretofore, and in case the Warrant should not be restored, a duplicate would be granted by this Grand Lodge.

On the 19th of October, having obtained evidence that Montreal Kilwinning Lodge had appointed delegates to the proposed Convention, I considered it to be my duty to suspend the Lodge, and accordingly issued the following Edict:—

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY CONCERN, GREETING.

*Whereas*, it appears that at the last Regular Communication of Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, No. 124, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. and A. M., a resolution was duly proposed, seconded and adopted, appointing certain Brethren, members of said Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, to represent that Lodge at a so-called "Convention," to be held in Montreal, on the 20th instant, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, which Province is situated and included within the Territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, under whose warrant and authority the said Montreal Kilwinning Lodge has heretofore existed; and

*Whereas*, the adoption of the aforesaid Resolution, instructing the representatives named therein, to use their best endeavours to organize a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, is an overt act of rebellion against the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada in this Province, and is a practical renunciation of, and withdrawal from, the allegiance due by the members of Montreal Kilwinning Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Canada;

*Therefore*, in virtue of the power vested in me, as Grand Master, I do hereby suspend the Montreal Kilwinning Lodge No. 124, G. R. C., until the Grand Lodge of Canada shall have taken action thereon, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Master. In consequence of this suspension, I furthermore demand on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, from W. Bro. John P. Peavey, heretofore Worshipful Master of Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, No. 124, R. C., the immediate surrender of the warrant, books, papers and other property of the aforesaid Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, to be disposed of as the M. W. the Grand Master of Canada may hereafter determine.

R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, D.D.G.M. for the District of Montreal, is hereby empowered and required to serve this edict upon W. Bro. John P. Peavey aforesaid, and to make the demand aforesaid.

Thus done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, this Nineteenth day of October, 1869.

A. A. STEVENSON,  
Grand Master.