

regularly constituted Grand Lodge, as to its privileges, prerogatives, and duties, and as to whatever else of right appertains to a Grand Lodge of Freemasons, is the peer of every other regular Grand Lodge, and no other Grand Body can lawfully exercise Masonic Craft authority within its territorial jurisdiction.

"9. That upon the consensus of a majority of sister Grand Lodges as to the right of existence, and the regularity of the formation of a new Grand Lodge, the remaining regular Grand Lodges should deem themselves to be bound by the award duly pronounced, of their sister Masonic Sovereignties, and seek the establishment of interjurisdictional relations with the new territorially Supreme Grand Body.

"10. That any Grand Lodge may charter private lodges in any territory unoccupied by a local Sovereign Grand Lodge, but the exercise of this right is with propriety restricted to unoccupied territories belonging to the country within whose domain the chartering Grand Lodge is situated, or to exterior countries within whose limits a Grand Lodge does not exist.

"11. That a Grand Lodge cannot rightfully constitute a new lodge, or continue to exercise jurisdiction over any lodge formerly chartered by it, after the regular formation of a Grand Lodge within the territory in which said private lodge is situated.

"12. That a Grand Lodge cannot rightfully extend to, or receive from, another Grand Lodge, qualified or conditional recognition, or lawfully establish interjurisdictional relations based thereon.

"13. That a Grand Lodge violating any of the essential landmarks of the Order, should be deemed and declared to be an irregular body as long as such violation of the constitutions of the fraternity is persisted in.

"14. That any order or organizations allied to ancient Craft Masonry, by requiring their candidates for admission thereto, to be Freemasons,

should be deemed and declared to have forfeited said alliance, should they wilfully violate, or endeavor to annul the landmarks, laws, and constitutions of ancient Freemasonry.

"15. That the several Federal Provinces constituting the Dominion of Canada, and the colonies throughout the British Empire, having local constitutional government, are severally as much entitled to form and to have Grand Lodges, possessing and exercising exclusive sovereign jurisdiction within their respective geographical and legislative boundaries, as are England, Scotland, and Ireland, as component parts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; or as are the several Federal States and organized Territories of the United States of America, or as are any separate and distinct kingdoms, or the like.

#### "ENGLISH LODGES IN QUEBEC.

"Since we last met, various efforts by conference and otherwise, have been made to effect the voluntary adhesion of the three English Lodges in the city of Montreal, still allowed to remain within our jurisdiction, with the only result thus far that on the occurrence, in the course of nature, of certain contingencies, of which you are tolerably well informed, a peaceful union will likely take place; and various oral communications to this effect have been made to me. This may not, in the opinion of some, have materially changed the actual condition of affairs, especially since, on account of the frequent and continued violations with seeming intent and avidity, of fundamental laws governing the Craft here, such as the acceptance of material rejected by Quebec Lodges, and the like irregularities, and with which probably no other Grand Lodge would have borne with as long as the Grand Lodge of Quebec has; and thus the circumstances have been increasingly aggravated, and have thereby put a still greater strain upon the forbearance of this