

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

RICHMOND, P. OF Q., November 20th, 1869.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of..... ;

GREETING :

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren :—

We, the undersigned, having been duly authorized and deputed therefor, beg respectfully to announce to you the constitutional formation of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec, on the 20th day of October, A.D. 1869, and A.L. 5869; and we respectfully pray, that you, as a Sister Grand Lodge, will extend fraternal recognition to, and establish fraternal correspondence and communication with, the Grand Lodge of Quebec aforesaid: and, if in accordance with the customs of your Grand Body, we further request that you will be pleased to honor the Craft in this Province by appointing a representative of your Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

And for the information of your Grand Lodge, we beg leave to transmit herewith, a printed report of the proceedings of the Convention, by which the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed, including the list of the Lodges constitutionally represented thereat, together with the names and former rank of the Grand Officers duly elected, appointed and installed in accordance with the customs, landmarks, and constitutions of our most ancient and honourable fraternity.

Also, for the further information of your Grand Lodge, we beg to submit the following, as among the many reasons which induced the Lodges, being a full majority of the private Lodges within the Province of Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Canada, in convention assembled, to form an independent and supreme Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec:—

1st. That for a number of years previous to the formation of what is still called the Grand Lodge of "Canada," and until July 1st, 1867, the territory over which that Grand Lodge claimed to exercise jurisdiction, formed and constituted but one Province, called "The Province of Canada," and having but one Legislature or Parliament; but by the Proclamation of the "British North American Act," on