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in our Bulletin. But since you have been pleased to invite my opinion, it is clearly my duty to add that its legitimate result is that our Supreme Council, and, I think, all the others in the world, will refuse to permit their Bodies to be visited by any Brethren from Canada who deny the legitimacy of the Supreme Council of Canada, and defy its authority.

But I would far rather appeal to your own good sense, which must tell you that such disputes and quarrels are neither profitable nor seemly among Masons. They invite the sneers and jibes of those who are not of the household of the faith, and win for the contestants no sympathy anywhere. You are all Masons and gentlemen, and you ought to be willing to consent to the initiation of measures that shall lead to complete reconciliation. Invite a free conference, withdraw all contumelious and offensive words rashly used. Remember that you are, above all, Masons, and what vows you have taken upon yourselves of duty and obedience. I am sure that the Brethren of the Supreme Council will meet you half way.

May our Father who is in Heaven have you all and always in His holy keeping.

(Sd.) ALBERT PIKE, 33°,
Grand Commander.

[APPENDIX B.]

Letter from Ill.: Bro.: RAMSDEN, Representative near the Sup.: Council of Colon, referred to in report of Grand Chancellor:—

BRITISH VICE CONSULATE,

ST. JAGO DE CUBA,

31st December, 1878.

DEAR AND ILL.: BRO.:

I duly received your letter of 28th September, naming me Representative of your Sup.: Council near this, and in reply beg to thank your Sup.: Council for the high honor they have done me, and to assure them that no efforts on my part will be wanting to fulfil the duties entrusted to me to the best of my ability.

In consequence of an indication from our Ill.: BENJAMIN ODIO an exequatur was granted by our Sup.: Council, in session of 23rd September, in favor of the Ill.: Bro.: WILLIAM REID, 33°, to be our Representative near your Sup.: Council, and I now enclose said document which I would beg you to hand to him with an expression of our brotherly esteem and gratitude at his having consented to accept the post,