

destruction of the one, would inevitably surround and ultimately destroy the other, I refused to accede to the wishes of the petitioners.

A commission having been appointed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of investigating the unhappy differences that have for some time past disturbed the harmony of Acacia Lodge, No. 8, and it having been represented to me that R. W. Brother Snow, one of the brethren named on the commission, had removed from the province, at the request of the other members of the commission, I appointed R. W. Brother C. J. McDonald to supply the vacancy occasioned by the removal from the jurisdiction of R. W. Bro. Snow. The results of the labours of these brethren in the interests of peace will be presented to you at this Communication, and if ratified by you, will, I hope, restore to the Lodge that harmony that should always exist among brethren.

Addresses of congratulation on behalf of the members of the Craft in this Province having been transmitted to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the recovery of His Royal Highness from his late dangerous illness, I have great pleasure in now submitting the answer of our Illustrious brother, received by me since our last Annual Communication, through His Excellency the Governor General, as follows:

No. 146. June 13, 1872. (Copy.)

Reviere du Loup, En bas, July 12, 1872.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Governor General to enclose to you a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, acknowledging the receipt of the address of the Free Masons of Nova Scotia congratulating His Royal Highness on his recovery from his recent illness.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. C. FLETCHER,
Governor's Secretary.

The Grand Master of Freemasons,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General:

Canada. No. 146.

(Copy.)

Downing St., 13th June, 1872.

My Lord,

The Prince of Wales has received the address of the Freemasons of Nova Scotia, signed on their behalf by the Grand Master congratulating His Royal Highness on his recovery.

H. R. H. requests that your Lordship will thank the Freemasons through their G. Master for their good wishes, and assure them that their kind expressions of regard and congratulations have given him much pleasure.

I have &c., &c.,

Gov. General,

(Signed)

KIMBERLEY.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Lisgar, G. C. B., G. C. M. G.