

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. & A. M.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
Stanstead, Sept. 5th 1883.

DEAR SIR AND W. BRO.,—Having had my attention called to a return made in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec for the session of 1881, in which your name appears, as having been suspended by King Solomon Lodge for non-payment of dues, and having carefully investigated the circumstances connected therewith, I find that you should not have been so returned, not being a member of that lodge. It is deeply regretted that all the facts connected with the case were not earlier brought under the notice of the Grand Master. I consider it my duty to cause the suspension to be removed with the least possible delay, and trust that this will take away all cause for complaint. I am, fraternally yours,

(Signed), E. R. JOHNSTON,
G. M. G. L. A. F. & A. M., Quebec.
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Montreal.

MONTREAL, 12th Sept., 1883.

Wm. Ross, Esq.:

DEAR SIR AND W. BRO.,—I will, as Master of King Solomon Lodge, call the lodge together with the least possible delay; will then submit to them and endeavor to have passed a resolution cancelling your suspension effected the 8th September, and when passed will send you certified copy of such resolution. Yours, &c.,

(Signed), CHAS. BYRD.
Messrs. Maclaren, Leet & Smith were counsel for Mr. Ross, and Messrs. Tait, Q. C., and T. P. Butler for Mr. J. H. Isaacson.

The following is the correspondence referred to:—

(COPY.)

100 CATHEDRAL STREET,
MONTREAL, 5th April, 1881.)

Mr. H. A. Ekers, Sec'y King Solomon Lodge, Q. R.:

DEAR SIR,—Surely your continuance to serve me with summonses to

attend the meetings of the Masonic Lodge, of which you are Secretary, cannot proceed from an attempt at annoyance, or the perpetration of a senseless joke. From all that I have seen of you, I would rather be inclined to accept it as the expression of a wish that I should cast in my lot with those with whom I formerly assembled.

That there may be no doubt on the subject, I now tell you I have not severed my allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and am still a member of Lodge King Solomon, holding from that Grand Lodge. It is true, as you well know, our meetings have been interrupted by the unmasonic and unwarrantable action of unworthy members, but this will shortly be remedied and our labors resumed, when we will be glad to receive again among us those who now regret the false position in which they have been placed. Trusting that after this explanation you will reserve notices for members of your own lodge, of whose doings I desire to know nothing. I am yours truly,

Wm. Ross.

MONTREAL, August 29, 1881.

Wm. Ross, Esq.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You will please to excuse me sending notice, having been notified by you not to, but I am instructed to do so, as your name is still in the Lodge Books, you not having taken your demit.

Yours respectfully,
HENRY A. ECKERS.

MONTREAL, 5th Sept., 1881.

Mr. H. A. Ekers, Sec'y King Solomon Lodge, formerly 622, Scottish Register, now Quebec Register. No number.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of 29th ult., and accompanying summons duly received and I apologise for not sooner owning it.

With regard to my name appearing in the Lodge Books, etc., I beg to inform you that it is a recognized Masonic Law, that membership termin-