

" Secretaries I have already spoken, and the Chaplain is a respectable clergyman from Brockville, and principal of the Royal Arch Chapter at that place, thus the Prov. Grand Lodge is very respectably constituted, and I trust its proceedings will continue to merit the approbation of your R. Highness and the Grand Lodge.

" In order to avoid any reference to former dissensions, I prevented any mention of the convention or of its proceedings from appearing in our minutes. The members of that body formed a decided majority amongst us, and their first proposition was to confirm the proceedings of the convention, and to pass a vote of thanks to its president, Bro. Phillips. I said I had no objection to a vote of thanks to Bro. Phillips for his services in the cause of masonry generally, and that it was my intention to confer on him a mark of distinction in the Prov. Grand Lodge, but in consequence of the differences which had existed among them, the proceedings of the one party could not be confirmed without implying a censure of the other, and to deal frankly with them, I could not concur in wholly approving the conduct of either party. The vote of thanks, as it now stands in the minutes, was then passed, and I have since transmitted to Bro. Phillips the mark of distinction to which I alluded, being a warrant or patent which gives him in the Province of Upper Canada the rank of a Past Prov. Deputy Grand Master.

" These gentlemen who had been elected at Niagara as Prov. and Deputy Grand Masters, I have left to return to the ranks as private brethren, but I have recognized the rank of Dr. Kerr and another Brother; who were in succession appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Masters by Bro. Jervis, and as they were both from the Niagara District and of the Niagara party, I thought it fair to appoint Mr. Phillips to the same rank, as representing the Kingston District and the party of the convention.

" This is the only instance in which I have exceeded the specific powers contained in my commission, and in consideration of the circumstances of the case, I humbly hope your R. Highness will approve of the proceeding.

" In order, so far as I could, to prevent any future recurrence to the dissension which had existed or at any rate to put upon record my opinions as to the merits of the case between the two parties, I took occasion in answering a letter from Bro. Adams containing a rather injudicious application in behalf of the unfortunate Bro. Danby, to enter a little into the merits of the case at Niagara. Bro. Adams letter and my answer, with a further letter of the same date, and on the same subject to Bro. Kerr are inserted in the appendix, Nos. 19, 20 and 21. Then lest it should hereafter be asserted that I had wholly approved of the proceedings of the convention, I thought it right subsequently to write to Bro. Phillips and to my Deputy, Bro. Fitzgibbons, the letters Nos. 22 and 23, with which I shall conclude the appendix to this report, reserving for the subject of separate applications, various points upon which I shall have to solicit your further instructions, which appear to me likely to promote the interests of Masonry in Upper Canada.

" I could have wished to make this Report less voluminous, but it seemed to me right to mention all the circumstances I have stated.

" The substance of it is that in pursuance of your Royal Highness's instructions I have constituted in Upper Canada a regular Prov. Grand Lodge, and have given dispensations to twenty private Lodges, of which one is a new Lodge, and the other nineteen of which I found acting under such warrants or dispensations as I have hereinbefore specified. Their petitions for warrants of constitution, I herewith submit to your Royal Highness and beg permission humbly to second their request that the same may be granted. There are, or have been about sixteen Lodges more in different parts of the province, some of which from the distance and difficulty of communication to some of the new settlements have not had the opportunity to apply regularly for dispensations, and others possibly could not have obtained them. The cases of those whose character and conduct may entitle them to be received as Brothers, I shall hereafter have occasion to submit to your Royal Highness, and in the hope that this report of my proceedings will be received with that gracious indulgence which has always characterized your Royal Highness's acceptance of my humble services."

" I have the honor to be M. W. Grand Master,
&c. (Signed,)

SIMON MCGILLIVRAY,
Prov. Grand Master of Upper Canada.

The following is the letter of instruction to the Provincial Grand Secretaries for their guidance in admitting Brethren into the Prov. Grand Lodge, which R. W. Bro. McGillivray refers to in his report.

" YORK, 23rd September, 1822.

" From the liberal, cordescending and brotherly consideration of the interests of masonry in this province, manifested by the M. W. Grand Master in the appointment of the P. G. M., and in the instructions given to him, whereof the substance has been circulated by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and the printed letter bearing date the 7th inst., no other result could have been anticipated, than that the mission of the Prov. Grand Master should have been received with feelings of fraternal cordiality and gratitude to the M. W. G. Master, and to the Grand Lodge of England.

" It is to be regretted that the notice of meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge has been so short as perhaps to prevent some Lodges in the more remote parts of the province from being regularly represented, but this is of the less consequence, since Lodges in that situation will have opportunities to come forward hereafter, and this exception cannot be pleaded in favor of Lodges who have sent representatives or delegates to attend the meeting summoned by the Prov. Grand Master, and who have neglected or refused to take the necessary steps for duly qualifying them to be admitted and vote in the Prov. Grand Lodge.

" Since, therefore, it has become necessary to draw the line and to discriminate between those Lodges who are disposed to "promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master, and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge," and those who refuse such obedience, and who instead of receiving with becoming deference the constitution and submitting to the authority of the United Grand Lodge of England, seem to aim at