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LETTER FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF FRANCE.

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SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33d AND LAST DEGREE.

Liberty—Fraternity—Equality.

CENTRAL GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

Under the Celestial Vault and zenith $48^{\circ} 50' 14''$ North Latitude ; Orient of Paris, the first day of the month Ijar, the 2d month of the year of Great Light 5875, 6th April, 1875 (V. E.)

To the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Canada.

MOST PUISSANT SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER,

The Supreme Council of France, at its last meeting, took into consideration your Balustre of 12th January, 1875, notifying the existence of the new Supreme Council, erected in Canada, the legality of which had already been recognized by several Masonic bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

I have the satisfaction of informing you that the Supreme Council of France satisfied itself of the justice of your demand, and cordially and fraternally recognized the legitimacy of your Supreme Council, and decided to exchange Grand Representatives with you.

The Thrice Illustrious Brother EMANUEL ARAGO, 33°, Deputy in the National Assembly, Grand Inspector General, and Member of our Supreme Council, has been designated to represent the Supreme Council of Canada near the Supreme Council of France. We hope, most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, that you will be pleased to ratify this choice. In regard to an Ill. Brother to represent us in Canada, the Supreme Council of France leaves the matter to you, and accepts your choice in advance.

I send you, with this, a circular relative to the meeting of the Convention of Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which we are to have this year, at Lausanne in Switzerland. We count on the presence of your delegates at this re-union of all the Supreme Councils, which ought to have the greatest results for the future of Scottish Masonry.

Receive, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, the expression of my devoted and fraternal sentiments.

G. GUIFFREY, 33°,

Grand Secretary and Chancellor of the Rite.