

entertained it would be necessary that Sister Councils were satisfied that the parties forming the spurious Council were in all respects fitted to establish a legitimate one. But even were this admitted, this Council entertains a very decided opinion that, under the Constitutions of the Order, it is incompetent to create Councils in Colonies. The Colonies are really a part of the parent country; and if there be a Council there, it would seem irregular to create more. Once let this principle be departed from, and in connection with Great Britain alone, we may suddenly have twenty or thirty Councils added to the roll. If we admit the right of New Zealand to have a Council, then why should not each Province in the Australian Continent, Victoria, Queensland, Sydney, &c., each have one? Then all the Provinces of India have an equal right. So has each West Indian Island, Malta, Gibraltar, may put in a claim, and perhaps even Cyprus. You will see the importance of the question when viewed in this way.

No doubt it will be said that regularly or irregularly a Council of some sort has been established in New Zealand, and that it is better to legalize it than have a spurious one working. This, however, appears to us a very dangerous argument to use. It is really offering a premium to Members of the Masonic Craft for violating all rules of the Order; and if it come to be thought that to get a regular Council established it is only necessary to establish an irregular one, the evil resulting from such a course would be great. If no countenance be given to this spurious body in New Zealand, it will soon die a natural death, and this result will be accelerated if the Egyptian Council cancels the Charter. This Council trusts, therefore, you will use your influence with Egypt to bring about so desirable a result.—I have the honor to remain,

M.: P.: and Dear Brother,

Yours fraternally,

L. MACKERSY, 33°,
G.: G.: Sec.:., H.: H.:

GR.: OR.: OF WASHINGTON,

30th July, 1878.

ILL.: AND DEAR BRO.:—

I am in receipt of yours of the 16th inst. The Bro.: Oddi. Sec.: Gen.:., has written to me from Cairo, that the Sup.: Co.: of Egypt will frankly admit its error in regard to New Zealand and to making 33ds in Scotland, ascribing it to inexperience and want of information, and will declare that its creation of a Supreme Council in a British Colony, and its creation of 33ds in Scotland, were and are null and void.

I have no doubt that this will be done, and that I shall soon have official information of it. Upon that we will receive the Repr.: of the Sup.: Council of Egypt, and appoint a Repr.: near it.

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ILL.: BRO.: LINDS
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