

W.—Sovereign Master, there is an alarm.

S. M.—Sir Knight Warder, attend to the alarm.

*The Warder opens the door and goes out.*

W.—Who comes here ?

P. G.—A detachment of his Majesty's Guards, having made prisoner of one who says he is a Prince of the House of Judah.

W. [*addressing the M. of I.*].—Whence came you ?

M. OF I.—From Jerusalem.

W.—Who are you ?

M. OF I.—The first among my equals ; a Mason, free by birth, a Prince by rank. but now a captive and slave by misfortune.

W.—What is your name ?

M. OF I.—Zerubbabel.

W.—What is your desire ?

M. OF I.—An audience with your Sovereign, if possible

W.—You will wait until our Sovereign is informed of your request, and his answer returned.

*The Warder returns to the Court-room and stands in the West.*

S. M.—Sir Knight Warder, who causes the alarm ?

W.—A detachment of your Majesty's Guards, having as prisoner one who says he is a Prince of the House of Judah.

S. M.—Whence comes he ?

W.—From Jerusalem.

S. M.—Who is he ?