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SUPREME COUNCIL.

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Whereas the Supreme Council of Egypt, ever anxious to propagate the high principles of the Rite, by our decree No. 45, of the 16th Oct., 1875, and subsequently No. 69, of the 20th March, 1876, exalted to the 33° various distinct Masons, living in New Zealand, and granted their Patent by which they constituted themselves in that Valley as a Sup. Council of the 33°, and because we considered such territory as free and not subject to any regular Sup. Council ;

And whereas the Supreme Council of Egypt, by means of our various decrees, exalted to the 33° several Masons living in Scotland, because that Supreme Council was represented to us as an irregular and illegitimate Body ;

We being now persuaded and convinced of the legal and legitimate existence of the Supreme Councils of England, Ireland and Scotland and of the right of the first or of all the three over New Zealand, considered as a dependency of the British Crown, and consequently being anxious to repair the serious mistake into which we have inadvertently fallen ;

Having consulted the Grand Constitution of 1786—desirous that as far as in us lies the most perfect harmony should exist amongst all the Supreme Councils of both hemispheres—exactng for ourselves and for all Masonic Powers the most scrupulous reciprocity relating to the question of territorial jurisdiction ;

Desiring above all that not the least pretext of schism or division on our part should tend to rupture the universal Masonic alliance ;

We have decreed and do hereby decree :—

ARTICLE I.—Our decrees No. 45, of 16th October, 1875, and No. 69, of 20th March, 1876, by which we exalted to the 33° several Masons living in New Zealand and accorded them the facility of constituting themselves into a Supreme Council, 33°, are definitely abrogated.

ARTICLE II.—All our decrees by which were exalted by proxy, various Masons living in Scotland, have been annulled.

ARTICLE III.—All Patents, all Diplomas and all Certificates granted either for New Zealand or for Scotland by proxy and appertaining to the A. & A. S. R. have been cancelled by the Mother Supreme Council, and are declared null.

ARTICLE IV.—These presents shall be communicated to the parties interested, and shall be despatched to all the Supreme Councils of both hemispheres, and published in our Official Bulletin.

Given at the Grand Orient of Cairo, Valley of the Nile, this 8th Tisri, A.M. 5638, commonly the 7th September, 1878.

(Signed)

A. S. ZOLA, 33°,

*Sov. Gr. Com. Grand Master.*

F. F. ADDIRZ, 33°,

*Gr. Sec. General.*