

In hopes of your speedy fraternal reply, we pray you to present the Ill. : and Potent Sov. : Gr. : Com. : , and Ill. : Sov. : Gr. : Inspectors General expressions of our profound and high respect, and the assurance of our unalterable fraternal devotion.

That our Father who is in heaven may deign to keep you always in His peace and person is the prayer of the Gr. : Or. : of Tunis.

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Gr. : Chancellor, Secretary General.

[APPENDIX K.]

THE SPURIOUS COUNCIL OF THE A. : A. : SCOTTISH RITE
FOR BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

A circular purporting to be a manifesto, mingling truth with error, signed by GEORGE C. LONGLEY as Grand Commander, and R. J. HOVENDEN as Secretary General, claims the erection of a Supreme Grand Council A. : A. : Scottish Rite for British North America on June 17th, 1882, and to declare that the Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada established in 1874 to be of illegal formation. Many of the assertions in the document are novel, pretentious, subtle and differing from the manifesto issued Sept. 27, 1881, by its progenitor, which it asserts is the "Cerneau Sup. : Co. : of New York," with Hopkins Thompson as Grand Commander, and Robert B. Folger, Secretary. The errors are not palpable to the superficial reader, or to one unacquainted with the Rite, hence the insidious deductions might pass as logical and possibly as convincing. It has been reserved for a modern student of the Rite to make discoveries that have baffled and have been hitherto concealed from the veterans of America and France; or rather FOLGER, driven to the wall, has compulsorily changed his tactics and made LONGLEY his puppet.

ORIGIN OF THE RITE.

Truly the A. : A. : S. : Rite originated mainly from the "Rite of Perfection," a Masonic power *per se* of 25 degrees under the Constitution of 1762, during the latter half of the last century. It is not true that it was controlled by a Grand Body called "The Council of Emperors of the East and West," but as its third, fourth and other sections say, a "Sov. : Gr. : Council of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret;" neither was it merged nor absorbed by the Grand Orient of France in 1786, as it continued its functions in different nations until 1801 most openly, and France did not, and could not, interdict it, neither could it absorb it. DR. FOLGER's untruthful history must not be relied on; it is full of errors and contradictions, and like this last manifesto it twists things awfully. The Rite of Perfection did not exist in and for France or Prussia alone, it covered two