

the view to prohibit and deter Masons from using and exercising their just and inherent rights, and to attend a certain meeting called to consider the present state of Masonry in the Province of Quebec, &c., &c. (See Circular dated 30th September, 1869, and signed by the undersigned and others.)

Therefore we, the undersigned, hereby respectfully beg to warn you against said instrument, the same being informal, illegal, and unconstitutional, *not having the Grand Lodge Seal affixed thereto*

The undersigned respectfully request that, notwithstanding any improper attempt to coerce, the brethren of your Lodge will not be deterred from attending the meeting above referred to.

J. H. ISAACSON, P.D.D.G.M.

ALEX. MURRAY, P.D.D.G.M.

THOS. MILTON, P.M.

Montreal, October 15, 1869.

On the 14th of October, R. M. Bro. M. Gutman, D.D.G.M. for the Montreal district, attended in his official capacity, the regular communication of Zetland Lodge, No. 21, for the purpose of reading the above Edict and performing the work of the Lodge, (the W. M. being absent from the country,) and on that occasion, was so grossly insulted, his right to occupy the chair called in question in the most insolent and defiant manner, the Edict of the Grand Master being sneered at, and pronounced illegal and worthless, and the conduct of the members present being generally so contumacious, that he felt it to be his duty to suspend the Lodge and take possession of its warrant. His report, delivered to me the following morning, is as under:—

MONTREAL, October 15th, 1869.

A. A. Stevenson, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master G. L., Canada.

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BRO.,

I hasten to inform you that at the Regular Communication of Zetland Lodge, No. 21, held last evening at Masonic Hall, Place D'Armes, I had the honor of presiding—the W. M. being absent in the United States. After considerable delay, and repeated calls for the officers to take their respective stations, I succeeding in getting the Lodge opened. A series of indignities was offered to the high office which I have the honor to hold; my right to preside was questioned, &c., &c. I succeeded, however, in maintaining order until after reading your Edict, forbidding the brethren to attend the so-called "Convention," to be held on the 20th inst. R. W. Bro. Isaacson arose, and stated that said Edict was illegal, lacking the Grand Lodge Seal; that what that document characterized as illegal he stated to the Lodge was *perfectly legal*; that he trusted the members of "Zetland" would not be intimidated by such a worthless piece of paper, &c., &c. After he had finished a speech of a rebellious and unmasonic tenor, I was greatly surprised and pained to find the members present endorse these seditious remarks by a unanimous and uproarious applause. I therefore felt it my painful duty to suspend said Lodge, which I accordingly did, taking charge of the warrant; and shall be glad if you will kindly appoint an hour when you will be pleased to receive this document from me. I need scarcely dwell upon the dreadful scene of uproar and confusion that followed my action; some of the members rushing at me with clenched fists, threatening personal violence, which, I am satisfied, was only prevented by the prompt and timely interposition of M. W. Bro. Bernard and one or two others who were present.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir and M. W. Bro.,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

M. GUTMAN, D. D. G. M. *Montreal District*;

On the afternoon of Saturday, the 16th of October, the Warrant of the Lodge of Antiquity (of which R. W. Bro. Gutman is W. M.) was stolen or abstracted from the Lodge room, where it had been used at an