

*And, whereas, the said three lodges warranted by said Grand Lodge of England, and their mother Grand Lodge, failed and refused to comply with the intent of said Proclamation, this Grand Lodge at its annual communication held at the city of Montreal on the 27th and 28th days of January, 1886, passed the following Resolution, to wit :*

*"That, whereas the issue of the Edict by the M. W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge forbidding intercourse between the Master Masons of the jurisdiction and the three lodges in Montreal warranted by the English Grand Lodge, has produced no perceptible effect in the settlement of the difficulty as to the supreme jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge in the territory of this province.*

*"And, whereas, this Grand Lodge cannot honorably recede from its rightful claim to supremacy in masonic matters in this Province, or leave its future chances for success to the chapter of accidents ;*

*"And, whereas, the Grand Lodge of England has refused to withdraw the warrants of its said three lodges, therefore be it*

*"Resolved, That the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be and he is hereby instructed to issue an Edict in the name and on behalf of this Grand Lodge, severing all intercourse between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges and members on the one hand, and the Grand Lodge of England, its subordinate lodges and members thereof on the other hand, unless the warrants of said three lodges be withdrawn, or unless they affiliate with this Grand Lodge on or before the first day of July next."*

Which Resolution was officially communicated to and received by said Grand Lodge of England.

*And, whereas, the warrants of said three lodges have not been withdrawn, nor have these lodges affiliated with this Grand Lodge within the delay specified in said resolution, nor has any desire been expressed on their part, or on the part of the Grand Lodge of England to comply with the terms or the spirit of said Resolution, although this Grand Lodge was prepared to accept affiliation or withdrawal in a fair and fraternal spirit.*

*And, whereas, it is necessary in the interests of the fraternity that the existence of said three lodges in this Province under another jurisdiction should terminate, and that the final assertion of the rights, prerogatives and supreme masonic authority of this Grand Lodge should be made in accordance with said resolution,*

*Now, therefore, I, James Frederic Walker, Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Quebec, and of the Grand Lodge therein, do, by these presents, order and proclaim, that all masonic intercourse be suspended and cease from this date between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the Grand Lodge of England and all lodges and brethren in obedience thereto ; and all brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec are hereby commanded to hold no masonic intercourse with any brother in obedience to the said Grand Lodge of England, so far as Ancient Craft Masonry is concerned.*