

ing or receiving visits, walking in the same procession, or otherwise, under certification that such lodges as shall act on the contrary shall be struck from the Roll of Lodges, and their charters recalled."

## IRELAND.

"The Grand Lodge strictly prohibits, as unlawful, all assemblies of Freemasons in Ireland, under any title whatever, purporting to be Masonic, not held by virtue of a warrant or constitution from the Grand Lodge, or from one of the other Masonic bodies recognized by and acting in unison with it."

## "CANADA."

"The precedency of warranted lodges is derived from the number of their warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other Masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered."

## QUEBEC.

The corresponding clause is identical with those of England and Canada with the final explanatory words: "on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

Quebec has also this clause:—"Any lodge which has been established by warrant from this Grand Lodge, in any territory in which a Grand Lodge did not then exist, and which does not take part in the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within said territory, shall thereby forfeit said warrant with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto, unless within one year after the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within such territory, the said lodge shall become of obedience to the Grand Lodge of the territory within which it is situated."

## COLONY OF MASSACHUSETTS' BAY.

"In the year 1773 a commission was received from the Right Honorable and Most Worshipful Patriok, Earl of Dumfries, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland, dated March 3, 1772, appointing the Right Worshipful Joseph Warren, Esq., Grand Master of Masons for the *Continent of America*.

After the death of General Warren, the brethren assembled March 3, 1777, and "after due consideration they proceeded to the formation of a Grand Lodge, and elected and installed the most Worshipful Joseph Webb their Grand Master."

Certain questions having been raised, "a committee was appointed Jan. 3rd, 1783, to draught resolutions explanatory of the power and authority of this Grand Lodge, and on the 24th of June following, the committee reported" *inter alia*, as follows:

"The brethren did assume an elective supremacy, and under it chose a Grand Master and Grand Officers, and erected a Grand Lodge, with independent powers and prerogatives, to be exercised, however, on principles consistent with and subordinate to the regulations pointed out in the constitutions of Ancient Masonry."

"Your committee are therefore of the opinion that the doings of the present Grand Lodge were dictated by principles of the clearest necessity, founded in the highest reason, and warranted by precedents of the most approved authority."

"This report was accepted and corresponding resolutions entered into by the Grand Lodge and recorded."