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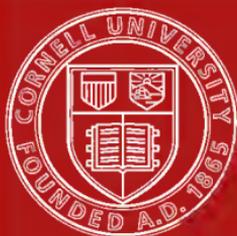
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HISTORY

OF THE

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite;

BEING THE

INTRODUCTION AND APPENDIX

TO THE

Constitutions

OF THE

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, &c., &c.

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INTRODUCTION.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

HISTORY.



WITHOUT attempting to enter into the subject of the "Origin of Masonry," respecting which there are so many and diverse theories, even at the present period; it is unquestionably the fact, that the greatest impetus was given to the Society by the revival of 1717; and by its subsequent establishment as an organized association under the control of governing bodies, known as Grand Lodges. The establishment of these ruling Masonic governments has resulted not only in its extension throughout the whole habitable globe; but by bringing "Order out of Chaos;" and by substituting permanent and fixed laws, whereby the noble science, and the Royal Art may be propagated, for those mere traditions by which the Craft had

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had until that period guided themselves in their occasional gatherings, given it a stability and permanence it had not previously attained, and made the language of Symbolic Masonry universal.

As one of the natural results flowing from this happy revival of Masonry under such auspices, was the introduction of the most distinguished and enlightened men of every nation. The sublime lessons of morality and virtue inculcated by its symbols as taught in the Lodges, was to the educated and enquiring mind, but the preparation for the development of those mysteries, by which the searcher after truth, could by the investigation of its allegorical system, and mystical reference as a science, extend its beneficial effects upon the minds and manners of men.

But while the teachings in the *primary school* of Masonry—the Lodge—inculcated the necessity of a thorough investigation of the mysteries, “by the study of the liberal arts,” whereby the “Ineffable” beauties contained within its arcana might be unfolded, its mission under the organization as established at the revival of 1717, was too circumscribed.

The hidden treasures of the Royal Art still remained unexplored, and for the successful pursuit of so captivating and ennobling a study, the most brilliant minds of Europe determined to establish as adjuncts to the Symbolical Lodges, organizations
separate

separate and distinct from them, for the exclusive propagation of the mysteries but as yet only partially unfolded to their view, embracing the *historical*, *philosophical* and *ineffable* mysteries in the precious casket.

With this object in view, many attempts were made by the devotees of Masonry as a science, to establish such separate and distinct organizations wherein these sublime truths might be unfolded and cultivated.

Some, nay, very many of them, were ephemeral, and outlived by their projectors. Others, again, rose, and for a time flourished, but eventually gave way to the controlling influences of those founded on more enlarged and philosophical principles, and which were free from all taint of being connected with the religious or political designs of the age.

Based entirely upon the pure principles of Masonry, and having for its object solely the faithful elucidation of the occult mysteries of the Society, was the "RITE OF PERFECTION," which grouped and systematized the scientific labors of many, in which the historic and chivalric were embodied; and which was the parent of the "ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE," now universally acknowledged as foremost among the regularly constituted Masonic organizations of the Old and New World.

According to some authorities, the *Rite of Perfection*

fection was founded in 1753–6, while others of equal repute assert, that in 1758 certain Masons, styling themselves “SOVEREIGN PRINCES AND GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND AND SOVEREIGN LODGE OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM,” founded at Paris a body called “THE CHAPTER” (or *Council*) “OF EMPERORS OF THE EAST AND WEST.” Their rite seemed at the beginning to consist of twenty-five degrees: at least, all the writers who speak of its original scale, assign it that number.*

The rite established (or adopted) by this chapter or council, consisting of twenty-five degrees, has ordinarily been known as the RITE OF PERFECTION, or of HEREDOM.†

In 1759 the *Council of Emperors of the East and West* is said to have established a COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET AT BORDEAUX,‡ and from this period the *Rite of Perfection* began to extend itself.

On the 27th August, 1761, § STEPHEN MORIN being about to depart for America, received from the Grand Orient of the Rite of Perfection at Paris, full and entire power to establish in every part of the world the *Perfect and Sublime Masonry*,

* *Levesque*, *Aperçu*, 56. 1 *Thory*, *Acta Lat.* 74. *Vidal Ferandie*, *Essai Hist.* 145. *Ragon*, *Orthod. Maç.* 48, 49, 129. *Clavel*, *Hist. Pitt.* 167.

† *Ragon*, *Orthod. Maç.* 129.

‡ *Thory*, 1 *Acta Lat.* 76. *Ragon*, *Orthod. Maç.* 171.

§ *Essai Hist.* F. Vaffal. 13.

and to multiply and create Inspectors in all places where the sublime degrees are not established.

The PATENT reads as follows:—

“To the Glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

“At the Grand Orient of France, and by the good pleasure of His Most Serene Highness and the thrice Illustrious Brother BOURBON, Comte de Clermont, Prince of the Blood, Grand Master and Protector of all the Regular Lodges. At the Orient of a place well lighted, where peace, silence and concord reign, *Anno Lucis*, 5761, and according to the vulgar style, the 27th August, 1761.

Lux ex Tenebris.

“We, the undersigned, Deputies-General of the Royal Art, Grand Wardens and Officers of the Grand and Sovereign Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, established at the Orient of Paris; and we, Perfect Grand Masters of the Grand Council of the regular lodges under the protection of the Grand and Sovereign Lodge, by the sacred and mysterious numbers, DO DECLARE, CERTIFY and PRESCRIBE to all the well-beloved brethren, knights and princes spread over the two hemispheres, that we being assembled by order of the Deputy-General President of the Grand Council, a petition communicated to us by the respectable Bro. LACORNE, Deputy of our Thrice Illustrious Grand Master, Knight and Prince-Mason, was read while we were in session, representing that our very dear Bro. ETIENNE MORIN, Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Ancient Master, Knight and Sublime Prince of all the Orders of the Sublime Masonry of Perfection, Member of the Royal Lodge *de la Trinité*, &c., being about to sail for America, and desiring to be able to work under legal authority for the advancement and increase of the Royal Art in all its perfection, prays that it will please the Grand Council and Grand Lodge to grant him letters patent for the giving Charters of Constitution.

“Upon the report that has been made us therein, and we knowing the eminent qualities of the very dear Bro. ETIENNE MORIN, we have unhesitatingly granted him this slight satisfaction for the services that he has always done to the Order, and whereof his zeal guarantees to us the continuance.

“For these causes, and for other good and sufficient reasons, applauding
and

and encouraging the very dear Bro. : ETIENNE MORIN in his designs, and wishing to give him testimonials of our gratitude, we have, by unanimous consent, constituted and instituted him, and do by these presents constitute and institute him, and do give to the Brother ETIENNE MORIN, whose signature is on the margin of these presents, full and entire power to form and establish a lodge, for the purpose therein of receiving candidates, and extending the Royal Order of Freemasons in all the perfect and sublime degrees; to take care that the statutes and general regulations of *the Grand and Sovereign Lodge in particular*, be kept and observed; and never to admit therein any but the true and legitimate brethren of Sublime Masonry.

“To regulate and govern all the members who shall compose *the said Lodge* which he may establish in the four quarters of the globe, where he shall arrive or may remain, under the title of ‘Lodge of St. John,’ sur-named ‘*Perfect Harmony* ;’ giving him power to select such officers to aid him in governing his lodge, as he shall think proper, whom we command and enjoin to obey and respect him. We order and command all masters of regular lodges, of whatever rank they may be, spread over the surface of the earth and sea, we pray them and enjoin upon them, in the name of the Royal Order, and in presence of our Th. : Ill. : Grand Master, to recognize, as we do, our very dear Bro. : ETIENNE MORIN, in his character of our Grand Inspector, in all parts of the New World, appointed to enforce the observance of our laws, and as Resp. : Master of the Lodge *la Parfaite Harmonie* ; and we do by these presents constitute our very dear Bro. : ETIENNE MORIN, our Grand Master Inspector, and do authorize and empower him to establish in every part of the world the Perfect and Sublime Masonry, &c., &c., &c.

“Consequently, we pray all our brethren in general to give to our said Bro. : ETIENNE MORIN, such aid and assistance as shall be in their power; requiring them to do likewise towards all the brethren who shall be members of his lodge, and towards those whom he has admitted and constituted, and shall hereafter admit and constitute in the Sublime Degrees of High Perfection, whom we give him full and entire power to multiply, and to create inspectors in all places where the Sublime Degrees are not established; well knowing his great knowledge and capacity.

“IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have delivered to him these presents, signed by the Deputy-General of the Order, Grand Commander of the

White and Black Eagle, Sovereign Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, and by us Grand Inspectors, Sublime Officers of the Grand Council and Grand Lodge established in this capitol; and we have sealed them with the great seal of our Ill. Grand Master, His Most Serene Highness, and with that of our Grand Lodge and Sovereign Grand Council. At the Grand Orient of Paris, the year of The Light, 5761, and according to the Vulgar Era, the 27th August, 1761.

“Signed: CHAILLOU DE JOINVILLE, Deputy-General of the Order, Ven. Master of the First Lodge in France, called *St. Antoine*, Chief of the Eminent Degrees, Commander and Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, &c., &c., &c. . . . The Bro. Prince DE ROHAN, Master of the Grand Lodge *l’Intelligence*, Sovereign Prince of Masons, &c., &c., &c. . . . LACORNE, Deputy of the Grand Master, Resp. Master of the Lodge *de la Trinité*, Gr. Elect Perfect Knight, Sublime Prince Mason, &c., &c., &c. . . . MAXIMILIEN DE ST. SIMEON, Sen. Warden, Gr. Elect Perfect Knight and Prince Mason, &c. . . . SAVALETTE DE BUKOLY, Gr. Keeper of the Seals, Grand Elect Perfect Knight and Prince Mason, &c. . . . TAUPIN, Grand Ambassador of His Highness, Grand Elect Perfect Master, Knight, Prince Mason, &c. . . . The Count DE CHOISEUL, Ven. Master of the Lodge *des Enfants de la Gloire*, Gr. El. Perf. Master, Knight and Prince Mason, &c. . . . BOUCHER DE LENONCOURT, Ven. Master of the Lodge *de la Vertu*, Gr. El. Perf. Master, Kt. Pr. Mason, &c. . . . BREST DE LA CHAUSSEE, Ven. Master of the Lodge *de l’Exactitude*, Gr. El. Perf. Master, Kt. and Pr. Mason. *By order of the Grand Lodge also signed*, DAUBANTIN, Gr. El. Perf. Mason, Kt. Pr. Mason, Ven. of the Lodge *St. Alphonse*, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Sublime Council of the Prince’s Masons in France.”

On the 21st September, 1762, nine Commissioners from the Council of Emperors of East and West, at Paris, and from the Council of Princes of the Royal Secret at Bordeaux, met at the latter place, and settled the Regulations of the Masonry of Perfection in thirty-five articles. Among these Regulations, one fixed the number of the degrees of the Rite

Rite of Perfection or Heredom at twenty-five, and their arrangement, and the titles and order of the degrees were never afterwards changed until a new rite was framed of them and others.*

These constitutions were accepted by Bro.: MORIN after his arrival in America, and by him furnished to the Deputy Inspectors whom he appointed.

In 1769, Bro.: MORIN was at Kingston, Jamaica, and in January of that year as Grand Inspector, in a Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret, informed the Prince Masons that from investigations made in Paris, to learn whether the masons styled "Kadosch" were not in reality the Knights Templar, it had been determined that the degree should for the future be styled "Knights of the White and Black Eagle," and that the jewel should be a "Black Eagle." The degree is so styled in Art. 11 of the Regulations of 1762.

Thus introduced into the New World, the Deputies Inspectors whom he had appointed in accordance with the powers conferred in his Patent, rapidly spread the Rite on this continent, while others were equally industrious in the islands of the West Indies in extending it.

The successive deputation, or their dates by which the powers of STEPHEN MORIN were exer-

* *Levesque*, *Aperçu*, 58. *Kauffman and Chapin*, *Hist. Phil.* 452. *Thory*, 1 *Acta Lat.* 79.

cified, and successive Deputy Inspectors appointed, cannot, with any degree of certainty, be ascertained, though the rank and office of Deputy Grand Inspector assumed gradually more and more importance, in a country so remote from the governing power as America then was, and where necessarily so much latitude was left to discretion.

It is, however, undoubtedly the fact, that those who derived their powers directly from MORIN, communicated the same powers to others: as for instance, the Bro.: FRANKIN who had directly received from Bro.: MORIN at Jamaica, the degree of *Grand Deputy Inspector General*, communicated the same to Bro.: MOSES M. HAYES at Boston. Bro.: HAYES communicated it to Bro.: BAREND M. SPITZER at Charleston, 25th June, 1781; Bro.: MOSES COHEN claims by patent from Bro.: SPITZER, January 12th, 1794, and Bro.: COHEN communicated it to Bro.: HYMAN ISAAC LONG, January 11, 1795; which latter brother, on the 12th November, 1796, as "Deputy Grand Inspector General and Prince Mason," granted letters patent of that date to ALEXANDRE FRANCOIS AUGUSTE DE GRASSE TILLY, JEAN BAPTISTE MARIE DELAHOUGE, and others, creating each of them "Patriarch Noachite and *Sovereign Knight of the Sun and H.: S.: Deputy Inspectors General, &c.*"

The patents of DE GRASSE TILLY and DELAHOUGE

HOUGE were recognized, confirmed and approved by the Grand Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, at the Grand East, Kingston, Jamaica, the 10th day of the 6th month, 1797.

It will at once be perceived that both these brethren had conferred upon them by HYMAN ISAAC LONG, in 1796, the degree of "Sovereign Knight of the Sun and H.: S.:"—a degree which was not catalogued in the list of grades authorized by the Constitutions of 1762; and as the conferring of such had to be ratified and confirmed by the Grand East at Kingston, Jamaica, it is but fair to presume that this was one of the isolated degrees from time to time legalized by it, and thus added to those of the parent rite.

In 1787, JOSEPH CERNEAU, (*horloger*,) a native of France, was Venerable of the respectable Lodge *la Reunion Desiree*, at Port au Prince, St. Domingo. He was one of those who fled that island in 1791, at the breaking out of the negro insurrection, taking refuge at Neuvitas in the island of Cuba, where he was well known and much respected.

Before leaving St. Domingo, he had attained the rank, as his patent proved, of Grand Deputy Inspector General, and he subsequently, by virtue of his powers as such, communicated the same to GERMAIN HACQUET, (*notary*), an ex-Venerable of the Lodge *Reunion des Cours*, at Port au Prince.

In 1801, both these Ill. brethren returned to St. Domingo, and with others established a Supreme Council; but toward the close of the succeeding year, its labours were terminated in consequence of the blacks having again revolted; and Bros. CERNEAU and HACQUET, as well as Bro. PIERRE DUPONT DELORME—who had received a patent from DE GRASSE TILLY as Prince of the Royal Secret, and Deputy Inspector in May, 1802; subsequent to the formation of, and in apparent antagonism to the powers of the Council already established by CERNEAU and others—fled the island never to return; CERNEAU going again to Cuba, and HACQUET to the island of St. Thomas.

It is apparent by the above, that towards the very close of the last century, the Rite of Perfection was extended by the grouping of other degrees from time to time into its system; and unquestionably concurred in by SECRET ARTICLES agreed upon between the various Deputy Inspectors, deriving their powers as Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret from MORIN directly; or by communication from those he had invested.

The powers of all these were co-equal and co-extensive, whether on the continent of America, or in the islands of the West Indies.

Indeed, owing to the closing of all the Masonic bodies, especially those of the Scottish Rite, in France,

France, in 1789,* caused by the Revolution, the Grand Deputy Inspectors in America, whether on the continent or in the islands, became independent; and as Principals, and by virtue of their own Sovereign authority, *remodelled and extended the Rite of Perfection, by cumulating what had been previously controlled as honorary or side degrees*; thus creating when perfected, what is now known as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, adding to the series, *the controlling degree* of SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL 33.:

For the government of this Rite, though the Constitutions and Regulations drawn up by the nine Commissioners in 1762, were not discarded; some other articles were agreed upon as SECRET CONSTITUTIONS, among which was one defining the jurisdictional limits of the Supreme Councils thereafter, of the Rite thus formed. These SECRET CONSTITUTIONS, so far as *said then* to have been agreed upon, *provided for the limiting of the number of Supreme Councils in America, to two*; the one as remote from the other as possible; and also that each other independent nation should have one Supreme Council.

Although as early as 1767, a Lodge of Perfection was opened in Albany, New York; and in 1783 another at Charleston, S. C., as well as others at diverse times in other places; while on the 12th of May,

* *Levesque*, 76. *Thory*, 1 Acta Lat. 184. *Rebold*, Hist. Gen. 167.

1788, the By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerufalem were ratified at Charleston, which body was established on the 20th of February preceding, by the Bro.: JOSEPH MYERS, appointed Deputy Inspector for South Carolina, by the Bro.: HAYES; BAREND M. SPITZER, Deputy Inspector for Georgia, and Bro.: FORST, Deputy Inspector for Virginia,—there had been no Deputy for New York—it was not until May 31st, 1801, that a Supreme Council of the 33d degree was established on the continent of America, at Charleston, S. C.; thus perfecting on the main land, as had been done almost simultaneously by CERNEAU and HACQUET and others in the island of St. Domingo, when they established their Supreme Council, short-lived though it was.*

The Charleston Supreme Council, was opened, as before stated, on the 31st of May, 1801, with the high honors of Masonry, by the Bros.: JOHN MITCHELL and FREDERIC DALCHO, *Sovereign Grand Inspectors General*; and in the course of the year 1802, *it is said*, the whole number of Grand Inspectors General was completed agreeably to “THE GRAND CONSTITUTIONS.” †

These “Grand Constitutions” were undoubtedly at that period, the “Constitutions of 1762,” and the “SECRET ARTICLES,” previously alluded to, not then

* *Calend. Mas. du St. Domingo, pour l'an. de la V.: L.: 1802.*

† *Circular Sup. Coun. at Charleston, 4 Dec., 1802.*

embodied or classified into the code, which was first published by the Charleston Council in 1859, as "THE NEW SECRET INSTITUTES AND BASES" of 1786, granted by FREDERIC II., KING OF PRUSSIA, on the 1st May of that year; an assertion probably made to enhance the value which would be attributed to the Statutes in consequence of their having greater antiquity, a Royal Patron; and the *ultimi gradus*, a Royal Founder; but which is nevertheless entirely apocryphal, and not now believed in by even the translator of these Statutes, Ill.: Bro.: ALBERT PIKE, who himself calls attention to their "errors in grammar" and other "obvious mistakes," which conclusively prove their parentage to have been derived from some less dignified source than FREDERIC the Great, or his associates.

Towards the close of 1803, Ill.: Bro.: GERMAIN HACQUET, arrived at New York from St. Thomas, and shortly afterwards sailed for France. He reached Paris in the early part of 1804, and there established a Council of the High Scottish Degrees—first, in the several bodies of the *Triple Unity*; and second, in those of the *Phenix*, at Paris; and afterwards constituted in the bosom of the *Phenix* a Grand Consistory, as the governing body of the Scottish Rite of Heredom, with the title of Grand Consistory of that Rite for France.*

* *Essai Hist. F. Vaffal*, 17.

Three months after the arrival of Bro.: HACQUET, the Count DE GRASSE TILLY reached Paris, bearing with him a patent as Grand Inspector General 33d, which was delivered to him by the Sup.: Council at Charleston, 21st of February, 1802.* By virtue of this patent, aided by other Ill.: Brothers, he organized and established a Supreme Council of the 33d for France, at Paris. On the 22d of October, 1804, this body *fused* with that established in France by HACQUET. Up to this period, the statutes alluded to as emanating from FREDERIC II., *were unheard of in France*, even DE GRASSE TILLY *had no knowledge of them.*†

In August, 1806, Ill.: Bro.: JOSEPH CERNEAU arrived at New York from Cuba, and by virtue of his patent as Grand Inspector General, and in accordance with the *Secret Articles*, hitherto alluded to, established on the 28th day of the 8th month of True Light, in the year 1807, a Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Consistory of Supreme Chiefs of Exalted Masonry, its officers being :—

JOSEPH CERNEAU, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.

JOHN W. MULLIGAN, Dep.: Gr.: Com.

DE WITT CLINTON, D.: G.: I.: and G.: P.: A.

DR. CHARLES GUERIN, 1st Lieut.: Com.

JACOB SCHIEFFELIN, 2d Lieut.: Com.

* *Essai Hist.* F. Vaffal, 18.

† *Essai Hist.* F. Vaffal, 19

CADWALLADER D. COLDEN, G.: Ch.: and G.: Or.

J. P. BERARD, G.: S.: G.

MARTIN HOFFMAN, G.: K.: of S.

J. B. SUBRAU, G.: A.: I.

JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, G.: I.: G.

JOHN BLEECKER, G.: G.: of C.

JOHN B. PONZOLZ, A.: G.: S.: G.

JOHN C. LUDLOW, A.: G.: I.: G.

In September, 1807, JOSEPH CERNEAU as Sup.: Chief of Exalted Masonry, organized the "*Grand Council of Royal Masters of the State of New York.*"

In 1808, The Grand Orient of France, in Sup.: Council of Rites, of which Ill.: Bro.: GERMAIN HACQUET, was President; and, The Sovereign Grand Consistory of France, of which Ill.: Bro.: GERMAIN HACQUET was Sov.: Grand Commander, opened a correspondence with the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Consistory of New York, and appointed Ill.: Bro.: CERNEAU its Representative for the G.: O.: of France, Sup.: Council of Rites, and Sovereign Grand Consistory.

The Sov.: Gr.: Consistory of New York, was represented in the Sovereign Grand Consistory, &c., of France by Ill.: Bro.: GERMAIN HACQUET; who was further distinguished by being elected an Honorary Member.

In 1812, "The Supreme Council of Grand Inspector

Inspector General of the 33d Degree, for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies," was opened with the high honours of Masonry in the City of New York, with its number of officers complete, viz:—

JOSEPH CERNEAU, M.: P.: Sov.: G.: Com.

DE WITT CLINTON, M.: Ill.: D.: G.: Com.

JOHN W. MULLIGAN, M.: Ill.: Lieut.: G.: Com.

DR. CHARLES GUERIN, Ill.: G.: M.: of State.

CADWALLADER D. COLDEN, Ill.: G.: T.: of H.: E.

JOHN P. SCHISANO, Ill.: G.: Sec.: of the H.: E.

JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, Ill.: G.: K.: of Seals.

J. P. BERARD, Ill.: G.: M.: of Cer.

MARTIN HOFFMAN, Ill.: G.: of G.

On the 18th day of the 4th month, A.: L.: 5814, answering to June, A.: D.:, 1814, "The Grand Encampment of Sir Knights Templar and Appendant Orders, for the State of New York," was "regularly constituted by the Sovereign Grand Consistory of the Chiefs of Exalted Masonry for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, sitting in New York," Ill.: Bro.: DE WITT CLINTON, Deputy Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, being chosen by a majority of votes, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.*

* Proceedings of the Gr.: Enc.: of N. Y., pp. 5, 6. On the 21st of June, 1816, the G.: Enc.: of the U. S. was formed, and DE WITT CLINTON elected G.: G.: Master.

On the 4th day of the 9th month, in the year of Light, 1826, Ill.: Bro.: DAVID JEWETT, by special patent from the Supreme Council, duly signed by Ill.: Bro.: DE WITT CLINTON as Sov.: G.: Com.: by Ill.: Bro.: JOSEPH CERNEAU, Sovereign Grand Commander, *ad vitam*, and others of the exalted chiefs, was duly authorized to organize the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General 33d Degree, in Brazil, and in 1827, that Supreme Council was established at Rio de Janeiro.

On the 13th day of February, 1832, The Most Illustrious Bro.: ELIAS HICKS, P.: Sov.: Grand Inspector General of the 33d Degree, Most P.: Sov.: Grand Commander (*ad vitam*), and the SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE MOST P.: SOV.: GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL of the 33d and last Degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Sub.: Chiefs of Exalted Masonry for the United States of America, their territories and dependencies, &c., &c., sitting at the Orient of the World, under the C.: C.: at the Central P.: of the Z.: corresponding to the 40th deg.: 41 m.: N.: L.: and 3d deg.: 1 m.: 13 s.: E.: Long.: from Washington, duly and lawfully represented by

The M.: Ill.: & P.: Br.: JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, P.: Sov.: Grand Inspector General of the 33d Deg.: First Lieut.: G.: Com.:

The M.: Ill.: Br.: ORAZIO DE ATELLIS, Marquis

quis de ST. ANGELO, P.: SOV.: G.: Inspector General of the 33d Deg.:

The M.: Ill.: Br.: GEORGE SMITH, P.: SOV.: Gr.: Inspector General of the 33d Deg.: and Grand Secretary of the H.: E.:

All three members of the aforesaid Supreme Council, invested with their regular and full powers—

OF THE ONE PART ;

And the Most Ill.: Br.: M. A. N. A. R. DE JACHIM DE SANTA ROSA DE R. DE ST. LAURENT, (Marquis de SANTA ROSA, Count de ST. LAURENT, &c., &c., &c.,) P.: SOV.: G.: Inspector General of the 33d Deg.: M.: P.: SOV.: Grand Commander, (*ad vitam*,) of the Supreme Council of the P.: SOV.: Grand Inspectors General of the 33d Deg.: of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Sublime Chiefs of Ancient and Modern Free Masonry for Terra Firma, South America, or New Spain, &c., &c., (*from the one Sea to the other, &c.*,) the Canary Islands, Porto Rico, &c., founder of the Most Res.: Lodge of the COMMANDEURS DU MONT THABOR, at the Orient of Paris, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the 33d Deg.: for France, &c., &c., &c., duly invested with the whole powers and authority of his Sup.: Coun.: and their subordinate sections, &c., heretofore sitting at the Cent.: P.: of the 9th deg.: 40 m.: N.: L.: and 312th deg.: 40 m.: Long.:

Long.: from the Ferro Islands, duly and lawfully represented by

The Most Ill.: Br.: LORENZO DE ZAVALA, P.:
Sov.: Grand Inspector General of the 33d Deg.:

And the Most Ill.: Br.: LUCAS UGARTE, P.:
Sov.: Grand Inspector General of the 33d Deg.:

And the Most Ill.: Br. JOHN MELANI, Chevalier
de SUSSARELLI, P.: Sov.: Grand Inspector General
of the 33d Deg.: and Grand Chancellor, *ad hoc*, of
the H.: E.:

All three members of the Supreme Council afore-
said, invested with their full and regular powers—

OF THE OTHER PART;

Formed a Treaty of UNION and AMALGAMATION, whereby the Two United and Amalgamated Powers shall hereafter be designated by the distinctive title of “UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL, FOR THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, OF THE P.: SOV.: GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL, 33d AND LAST DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, SUB.: CHIEFS OF EXALTED MASONRY,” and that their seat shall be “invariably in the United States of America, at the Cent.: P.: of the 40th deg.: 41 m.: N.: L.: and 3d deg.: 1 m.: 13 s.: E.: Long.: from Washington,” though, should any case of emergency present itself, this Cent.: P.: may be changed by a decree of all their United Sections; but

but it shall never be removed from out the territorial limits of the United States of America.”

On the 23d February, 1834, a Treaty of UNION and CONFEDERATION, was concluded at Paris, between the official Representatives of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, sitting at New York, and the Commissioners Plenipotentiaries of the Supreme Council of France, and the Supreme Council for the Empire of Brazil.

To this Treaty the Supreme Council sitting at Bruffels became a party, on the 5th of March, 1835, by its Act of Ratification and Adhesion.

The Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, duly and regularly assembled at New York, approved and ratified the acts of its Representatives, the COUNT ST. LAURENT, and the MARQUIS LAFAYETTE, in forming said Treaty of *Masonic Union, Alliance and Confederation*, December 6th, 1836, M.: Ill.: Br.: ELIAS HICKS, being then M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander, *ad vitam*, &c., &c., &c.

Since this period, the Sup.: Council for the United States of America, its territories, and dependencies, has maintained its organization, and is at the present time rapidly extending the beneficent principles of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in all its purity and perfection.

HISTORY

OF THE

SUPREME COUNCIL 33^D, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED
SCOTTISH RITE,

FOR THE

United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies.

On the 28th day of the 8th month of True Light 1807, the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret ; Supreme Chiefs of Exalted Masonry, according to the Ancient Constitutional Scottish Rite of Heredom, for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, was opened in the City of New York, with all the high honours of Masonry, by Most Puissant Joseph Cerneau, Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33^d, and constituted in due form, with its organization complete. The following illustrious brethren composed the list of officers, as appears by the records :

Joseph Cerneau, Past Master, . . T.: P.: S.: G.: C.:
John W. Mulligan, Past Master, . D.: G.: C.:
De Witt Clinton, Grand Master of
the Grand Lodge, and Mayor of
the City of New York, . . . G.: P.: A.:
Dr. Charles Guerin, Past Master, . 1st Lieut.: G.: C.:
Jacob Schieffelin, 2d Lieut.: G.: C.:
Cadwallader D. Colden, Past Senior
Grand Warden of the Grand
Lodge of New York, G.: C.: and G.: O.:
J. P. Berard, G.: S.: G.:
Martin Hoffman, Deputy Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge of
New York, G.: T.: and G.: K.: of S.:

J. B.

J. B. Subrau,	G.: A.: I.:
Jonathan Schieffelin,	G.: I.: G.:
John Bleecker,	G.: G.: of C.:
John B. Ponzolz,	A.: G.: S.: G.:
John C. Ludlow,	A.: G.: I.: G.:

A Committee of General Administration was also formed, consisting of the following Illustrious Brethren : De Witt Clinton, President ; Dr. Charles Guerin ; John W. Mulligan ; Jacob Schieffelin ; J. P. Berard ; Martin Hoffman and J. B. Subrau.

By a resolution of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, circulars announcing the organization and establishment of the same, with its Grand East at New York, were transmitted to all the Masonic bodies in the United States. A correspondence was this year opened with the Grand Orient of France (Supreme Council of Rites), and with the Sovereign Grand Consistory of France.

During the year 1808, the officers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory remained the same, with the exception of Ill. Brother Charles Clinton, who was on the 28th day of the 8th month, appointed Grand Keeper of the Seals.

In the early part of the year 1809, a petition was presented for the re-organization and affiliation of the "Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix," under the definitive title of "Triple Alliance," fitting in the Valley of New York. It was the oldest Chapter of that grade in the United States, and its application being favourably entertained, it was resuscitated, with the following officers :

John W. Mulligan, . . .	M.: R.: and P.: President ;
Jonathan Schieffelin, . . .	" " Senior Warden ;
Francis Dubuar, . . .	" " Junior Warden ;
Thomas Lowndes, . . .	" " Orator ;
Martin Hoffman, . . .	" " Secretary ;
Harman Westervelt, . . .	" " Treasurer ;
James B. Durand, . . .	" " Grand Keeper of Seals ;
John P. Schifano, . . .	" " Expert ;
Garrett Morgan, . . .	" " M.: of Ceremonies ;
Tobias W. Bedell, . . .	" " Hospitaller ;
Caspar W. Eddy, . . .	" " Guard of the Temple ;
Elias Hicks,	" " Assistant Orator ;

Aaron H. Palmer, . . M.: R.: and P.: Assistant Grand Secretary ;
 John Telfair, . . . " " G.: M.: of Ceremonies ;
 Joseph Colbert, . . . " " Assistant Guard of the Temple.

There was also constituted at the same time with the above Chapter, a Lodge of Perfection, and a Sublime Council of Princes of Jerusalem, under the same title. In succeeding years these three bodies—Lodge, Council and Chapter,—composed as they were of the most respectable and influential citizens, and Masons became the most numerous in membership of any in the United States.

During this year, a Grand Council of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, for the State of New York, was also constituted, its officers being :

John W. Mulligan, Ill.: President ;
 Jacob Scheiffelin, Senior Warden ;
 John P. Schifano, Junior Warden ;
 Caspar W. Eddy, Orator ;
 Aaron H. Palmer, Secretary ;
 Joseph Gouin, Treasurer ;
 James Gelston, Assistant Treasurer ;
 Jonathan Schieffelin, G.: K.: of the Seals ;
 Francis Dubuar, M.: of Ceremonies ;
 Thomas Lowndes, Expert ;
 John Telfair, Standard Bearer ;
 Abraham Lott, Captain of Guards ;
 Alexander S. Glafs, Hospitaller.

In the year 1810, there was a change in the officers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, Ill.: Brother Elias Hicks was elected G.: A.: I.: in the place of Ill.: Brother J. B. Subrau, and Ill.: Brother Joseph Gouin was elected Grand Hospitaller.

In the month of October of this year, the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, was invaded by one Abraham Jacobs, who claimed to have received the Sublime degrees at the South, previous to his arrival here. This itinerant vendor of Masonry, pleading ignorance of the existence of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, assumed to confer the Sublime degrees up to the 16th degree, or Prince of Jerusalem, upon nineteen brethren at
 Tammany

Tammany Hall, in the City of New York. These brethren were subsequently constituted into a Lodge of Perfection and a Council of Princes of Jerusalem by an individual named John G. Tardy, who claimed to be Deputy Inspector General for Pennsylvania, and through whose instrumentality warrants were obtained from the Supreme Council at Charleston.

This open act of hostility led to a controversy as was naturally to be expected, and was owing to the remonstrances of the Grand East at New York being unheeded, but the commencement of a series of unmaſonic acts on the part of the Supreme Council at Charleston, which eventually, owing to their assaults upon the integrity of a ſiſter and co-equal body, and their continued upholding of the acts of thoſe who trafficked in degrees as a marketable commodity, terminated in a total eſtrangement.

The Lodge of Perfection and the Council of Princes of Jerusalem illegally eſta bliſhed through the instrumentality of Jacobs, laſted but a few years, when they ceaſed to exiſt.

In the year 1811, the Ill. Brother De Witt Clinton became Deputy Grand Commander of the Sovereign Grand Conſistory, and John W. Mulligan, Miniſter of State. There were alſo other changes, which made the officers rank as follows :

Joſeph Cerneau, . . .	T. P. S. G. Commander ;
De Witt Clinton, . .	D. G. Commander ;
Dr. Chas. Guerin, . .	1ſt Lieut. Commander ;
James B. Durand, . .	2d Lieut. Commander ;
John W. Mulligan, . .	Miniſter of State ;
Cadwallader D. Colden,	2d Miniſter of State ;
John P. Schifano, . . .	G. Chancellor ;
Joſeph Gouin,	G. Treafurer ;
Jacob Schieffelin, . . .	K. Great Seal ;
Jonathan Schieffelin, . .	G. Maſter of Ceremonies ;
Touffaint Midy,	G. Expert Introducer ;
Elias Hicks,	G. E. S. B. .
Martin Hoffman, . . .	G. C. G. .
John C. Ludlow,	G. Hoſpitaller ;
Charles Clinton,	G. Orator ;
J. P. Berard,	G. Orator.

The Grand Committee of General Administration, charged with the supervision of the affairs of the Order, and through whose hands all applications for Warrants, Patents, &c., &c., must pass, consisted of De Witt Clinton, President; Dr. Charles Guerin; James B. Durand; John W. Mulligan; John P. Schifano; Joseph Gouin, and Jacob Schieffelin.

On the 15th day of the month *Sivan*, 5572—25th of May, 1812, the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33d degree, for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, was opened with the high honours of Masonry in the City of New York, with its number of officers complete, viz :

Joseph Cerneau, . . .	M. :. P. :. Sov. :. G. :. Commander ;
De Witt Clinton, . . .	D. :. G. :. Commander ;
John W. Mulligan, . . .	Lieut. :. G. :. Commander ;
Dr. Charles Guerin, . . .	G. :. M. :. of State ;
Cadwallader D. Colden, .	G. :. T. :. of the H. :. E. :
John P. Schifano, . . .	G. :. Sec. :. of the H. :. E. :
Jonathan Schieffelin, . .	G. :. K. :. of the Seals ;
J. P. Berard,	G. :. M. :. of Ceremonies ;
Martin Hoffman,	G. :. C. :. of G. :

The several Masonic bodies in the United States, as also the Grand Orient, &c., of France, were duly informed by circular of the establishment of the Supreme Council 33d for the United States of America, &c., &c.; and during the course of the year a reply was received from the Grand Orient of France, in Supreme Council of Rites, in which was contained a *full and complete acknowledgment*, and a request for an affiliation by the exchange of Representatives from the one Supreme body to the other. The latter was acceded to, and T. :. M. :. Ill. :. Brother Joseph Cerneau, was appointed "Representative of the Grand Orient of France in Supreme Council of Rites, and for the Sovereign Grand Confraternity," and T. :. M. :. Ill. :. Brother Germain Hacquet, Grand Honorary Commander, "Representative near the Grand Orient of France in Supreme Council of Rites, 33d and Sovereign Grand Confraternity. These Illustrious Representatives were retained by both Supreme bodies, and the correspondence between them, which was both intimate and fraternal, passed through their hands until the year 1827.

Although it was widely known that many of the individuals, who had been

been seduced and imposed upon by Abraham Jacobs, in 1810, and who were subsequently illegally formed into a Lodge of Perfection and a Council of Princes of Jerusalem by the authority of the Supreme Council, sitting at Charleston, S. C., had during this year, in consequence of their having become aware of the irregularity of their formation, made application to the Grand East for the United States, its territories and dependencies, sitting at New York, to receive the degrees depending on it; while others who had been similarly deceived, withdrew from these bodies, which speedily became inactive, and sank into oblivion; another of the agents of the Southern Council, Emanuel De la Motta, who represented himself as being the Treasurer General of the H. E. of that body, and who was one of the signers of the celebrated circular issued from Charleston, December 4th, 1802, in which an utter ignorance of even the names and numbers of several of the degrees was exhibited, and several degrees absolutely omitted to be catalogued, invaded the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council for the United States of America, &c., &c., regularly constituted, and fully acknowledged by other sister Supreme Councils, and conferred certain of the degrees upon various individuals,—upon some for money consideration, and upon others in repayment of services rendered,—contrary to ART. IX. of the SECRET STATUTES attributed by ignorance or otherwise to have originated by grant from FREDERIC II. of Prussia, at Berlin, May 1st, 1786, and by which this same Emanuel de la Motta and his associates pretended to be governed. That ARTICLE reads as follows:

“In a country under the jurisdiction of a Supreme Council of Sovereign Inspectors General, which has been duly constituted, and is *recognized by all the other Councils*, no Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or Deputy Inspector General can exercise his individual powers, unless he shall have been recognized and confirmed by such SUPREME COUNCIL.”

The invasion was also the more flagrant, inasmuch as it conflicted with another ARTICLE of said *pretended* Prussian Constitutions, which admitted of the formation of two Supreme Councils in America, and which, allowing the Charleston Supreme Council to have been regularly constituted, precluded them from interfering with the rights, privileges and prerogatives of that other Council regularly constituted in the Valley of New York. In proof of this statement, reference is made to ART. V. § 3 of the same Constitutions, which reads as follows:

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“ In each of the great nations of Europe, whether kingdom or empire, there shall be but a single Supreme Council of the 33d degree.

“ In all those states and provinces, as well of the main land as of the islands, whereof North America is composed, there shall be two Councils, one at as great distance as may be from the other.”

The acts of this Emanuel de la Motta, and the evil fruits they bore, will be subsequently alluded to.

On the 23d of January, 1813, a warrant was granted, upon a petition previously received from a constitutional number of brethren in the City of Newport, Rhode Island, asking for the constituting of a Grand Council of Princes of the Royal Secret 32d degree for that State, the sittings of the same to be held at Newport.

That Grand Council, after being constituted, consisted of the following illustrious brothers and officers :

Isaac Stall,	Ill. President ;
John Brown,	“ G. S. Warden ;
Richard Merritt,	“ G. J. Warden ;
William Coggeshall,	“ G. Secretary ;
Stephen De Blois,	“ G. Treasurer ;
James Perry,	“ G. M. of Ceremonies ;
Edward Easton,	“ G. K. of Seals ;
Elifha Chase,	“ G. C. of Guards.

William Douglas, Elifha Blifs, — Pratt, David M. Coggeshall, William Davis.

T. M. Illustrious Brother Thomas Lowndes was appointed Representative near the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

On the 19th day of June following, upon petition received from a number of respectable brethren in New Orleans, La., whose prayer was granted, a Council of Princes of the Royal Secret 32d degree was founded and established in that city, and became a dependency of the Supreme Council, and Sovereign Grand Consistory for the United States of America, &c., &c. The officers of the same were :

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John Pinard,	Ill.: President ;
John B. M. Le Febvre,	“ G.: S.: Warden ;
Emanuel Gigand,	“ G.: J.: Warden ;
Francis Martinez Y Pizarro,	“ G.: Orator ;
Denis R. Deschanet Doffaratts,	“ G.: Secretary ;
C. F. Le Roux,	“ G.: Treasurer ;
Romain Pamar,	“ G.: Expert ;
Raymond Devezee,	“ G.: C.: of Guards.

Of this Council, Ill.: Brethren Joseph Cerneau, De Witt Clinton, and James B. Durand were elected Honorary Members, and the latter appointed Representative near the Supreme Grand Council and Sovereign Grand Confraternity, New York City.

The illegal acts of EMANUEL DE LA MOTTA previously alluded to, led to renewed remonstrances from the Supreme Council for the United States of America, &c., &c., during this year ; and the knowledge of the fact of the acknowledgment of the latter by the Grand Orient of France in Supreme Council of Rites, also reached Charleston, S. C., in official form. Instead, however, of such information leading to any disavowal of the intrusive conduct of DE LA MOTTA, and his bold and unblushing violation of the Statutes by which they professed to be governed ; either no notice was taken of the same, or if any, it was but to encourage him to still further prosecute his (or their) designs.

With an assurance worthy of a better and more loyal cause, DE LA MOTTA absolutely had the hardihood on the 21st of September of this year, to denounce in a printed circular, the Illustrious Brother JOSEPH CERNEAU as an impostor, and the Supreme Council of which he was Sovereign Grand Commander, an illegitimate organization.

This denunciatory document was widely circulated, but it was not until a second edition of it was given to the public, endorsed by John Mitchell and Frederick Dalcho, of Charleston, S. C., (rendered necessary by De la Motta's want of personal character in New York,) that it attracted much attention, though the original was taken into consideration by those whose reputation it attempted to assail.

The circular reads as follows :

CIRCULAR.

CIRCULAR.

Deus Meumque Jus.

ORDO AB CHAO.

In the name, and at the special request of the Grand and Supreme Council of the M.: P.: Sovereigns, Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: 33d Degree, duly and lawfully constituted, under the Celestial Canopy of the Zenith, which answers to 32d deg.: 45 m.: N.: L.

To our Ill.: M.: Val.: and Sub.: Pr.: of the Royal Secret, Knights of Kadofh, Ill.: Princes and Knights, Gr.: Ineffable and Sublime, Free and Accepted Mafons of all degrees, Ancient and Modern, over the surface of the two Hemispheres.

To all to whom these letters shall come.

UNION,

CONTENTMENT

AND WISDOM.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED, That whereas a certain individual of the name of JOSEPH CERNEAU, a Frenchman, born at Villeblerin, aged fifty, and a jeweller by trade, residing at present No. 118 William street, in the city of New York, did sometime this last spring, publish certain printed pamphlets, by the French called "*Tableaux*," signed and sealed, wherein he styles himself as "*Most Potent Sov.: Gr.: Com.: of the 33d Deg.: for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, &c.*" And whereas the only lawful body of the kind in the United States of America was legally established on the 31st May, 5801, at the City of Charleston, S. C., and which is recognized all over the world: I, therefore, the undersigned, Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: 33d, GRAND DIGNITARY OFFICER of the aforesaid Sup.: Council of the 33d in Charleston, S. C., do hereby *in their name, and at their special request*, declare and certify, that having previously taken such measures as were expedient in all such cases; *having also ascertained that he is not of, nor knows any thing at all about the 33d Degree*; and that having received no satisfaction whatsoever from the said JOSEPH CERNEAU, for his assuming a degree, title, and powers, to which he has not the smallest claim or right whatever; in consequence whereof, and being in duty bound, to STOP, CRUSH and PUBLISH all such characters, so as to prevent their doing any

any further mischief, and to continue to delude and impose upon otherwise worthy brethren, unacquainted with the Superior degrees of Free Masonry.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED, therefore, that by, and in virtue of "MY HIGH POWERS," RIGHTS AND PREROGATIVES, as a lawful Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: of the 33d Degree, in the United States of America, I do hereby PUBLISH and DECLARE to the WHOLE WORLD, as well in my own name, as in that, and at the special request of my Supreme Council in Charleston, S. C., the aforesaid JOSEPH CERNEAU, a Frenchman by birth, and a jeweller by trade, &c., *as an impostor of the first magnitude, and whom we have expelled from every Masonic Asylum within our Jurisdiction*, and further, that whatever Masonic works or Proceedings he may have performed, or *put his hands to*, ever since his arrival in this country from the West Indies, are also hereby declared as unlawful, void, *and totally vitiated by his last barefaced imposture and highly anti-Masonic conduct.*

That all those symbolic brethren, and others who have been raised by him and his associates in what he or they have been accustomed to call his or their Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix Grand Council of 33d, are hereby declared irregular, and unlawful, and that unless they shall each of them, individually come forward, express their sorrow and abhorrence of such unlawful, nefarious conduct, and submit themselves according to the exact tenor of the laws, they shall also be published over the two hemispheres, and declared each of them, individually, as impostors, and accomplices in his unlawful deeds.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED ALSO, That being determined to stop and crush at once and for ever, all such impositions as have been practised and persisted in for so many years by JOSEPH CERNEAU and others, from foreign countries, particularly the West Indies, I hereby, and in my own official capacity, declare to whomsoever it may concern, that the Sov.: Gr.: Confraternity of the 30th, 31st, and 32d Degrees, originally established in this city on the 6th day of August, 5806, by the Th.: Ill.: Brn.: John Gabriel Tardy, John Baptiste Desdoity, Moses Levy Maduro Peixotto, and John James Joseph Gourgas, all of them R.: C.: Eco.: K.: H.: S.: P.: R.: S.: Deputies Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: and Grand Masters under the old system, &c., &c., and others, has been rigorously inspected, and their proceedings approved of by me; in consequence whereof, I hereby declare, acknowledge and recognize them, as well in my own name, as in that of my aforesaid

Gr.:

Gr.: and Sup.: Council of the 33d Degree at Charleston, S. C., as being the only lawful body in New York, which can exist for the Northern district of the United States of America, &c., &c.

In testimony whereof, I, the aforesaid and undersigned Emuanuel de la Motta, K.: H.: S.: P.: R.: S.: Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: 33d Degree, and Ill.: Treaf.: Gen.: of the Holy Empire in the United States of America, &c., &c., have delivered the present under my hand, and Grand Seal of Sov.: P.: of R.: S.: and also of the Stamp of the 33d, at this Grand East of New York City, by the 40th degree, 42 m.: N.: L.:, the 26th day of 6th month called *Elul*, A.: Mi.: 5573, A.: L's.: 5813, and of the Christian Era this 21st day of September, 1813.

Deus Meumque Jus.

E. DE LA MOTTA,

K.: H.: S.: P.: R.: S.: Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: of the 33d Deg.:
and Ill.: Treaf.: Gen.: of H.: E.: in the U. S. A.

Signed, Sealed and Stamped on the original.

Deus Meumque Jus.

In the name and in behalf of the Sup.: Gr.: Council of Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: of the 33d Degree, holding its sittings in Charleston, S. C., we do hereby approve of, and confirm all and every of the foregoing declaration and proceedings of our Ill.: Bro.: E. DE LA MOTTA, *the Ill.: Treas.: Gen.: of the H.: E.:* against a certain JOSEPH CERNEAU, who has assumed to himself the profession of Principles and Degrees, of which he is ignorant, and has arrogated to himself powers and privileges which never have been lawfully committed to him; and we do therefore declare and publish, that the aforesaid JOSEPH CERNEAU *and his abettors and followers*, are unworthy of Masonic communion with any regular Free Masons, whether of high or low degree, or wheresoever dispersed; and that EACH and EVERY of them are HEREBY EXPELLED from even every, or any lawful degree, or Masonic Society, in which they may have been received or admitted, until they shall make their peace with our aforesaid Grand Council, upon such terms as our aforesaid Ill.: Treaf.: Gen.: of the H.: E.: shall recommend and adopt for that purpose.

Given

Given under our hands and seals of the Grand Council of P.: of the R.: S.: and of the Sup.: Coun.: of the 33d Degree for the U. S. A., and dated the 24th day of December, 5813.

JOHN MITCHELL, K.: H.: S.: P.: R.: S.:
Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: 33d, and Gr.: Com.: of the U. S. A.

FREDERICK DALCHO, K.: H.: S.: P.: R.: S.:
Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: 33d, and Lieut.: Gr.: Com.: of the
U. S. A.

Issued by me this 31st day of January, 5814,

E. DE LA MOTTA, K.: H.: S.: P.: R.: S.:
Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: 33d, Ill.: Treas.: Gen.: of H.: E.:
for the U. S. A.

Approved by

ISAAC AULD, M.: D.:., K.: H.: S.: P.: R.: S.:
Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: 33d;

JAMES MOULTRIE, M.: D.:., K.: H.: S.: P.: R.: S.:
Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: 33d.

The Supreme Council for the United States of America, &c., &c., for worthily prefided over by Illustrious Brother CERNEAU, appointed a Committee on the 28th day of the 12th month of seven of its members, eminent for their social *status* and attainments, to report on this most extraordinarily impudent and libellous document.

In the Sovereign Grand Consistory, Illustrious Brother ANTHONY RAINE-
TAUX was elected Grand Secretary; Joseph Bouchaud, Assistant Grand
Secretary; Thomas Lowndes, 2d M.: C.:., and John Bleecker, G.: O.:.,
in place of J. P. Berard.

On the 22d day of January, 1814, the Sovereign Grand Consistory of
Chiefs of Exalted Mafonry, fully impressed with the necessity and importance
of the subject, DECREED, by a unanimous vote, the establishment of a Grand
Encampment of SIR KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND APPENDANT ORDERS FOR THE
STATE OF NEW YORK, and immediately proceeded to its formation by
choosing the Grand officers thereof, taken (for this time only) from among
its own members; and the majority of votes proving in favour of

De Witt

De Witt Clinton, .	for Thrice Ill.: Grand Master ;
Martin Hoffman, .	“ Grand Generalissimo ;
John W. Mulligan,	“ Grand Captain General ;
James B. Durand, .	“ Senior Grand Warden ;
Jacob Schieffelin, .	“ Junior Grand Warden ;
Elias Hicks, . . .	“ Grand Orator ;
Anthony Rainataux,	“ Grand Recorder ;
Joseph Gouin, . .	“ Grand Treasurer, and
Jonathan Schieffelin,	“ Grand Marshal.

They were accordingly installed into their respective offices.

On the 18th day of June, 1814, this Grand Encampment was opened with all DUE FORM and becoming solemnity. At the present period, (February, 1862,) it is the largest body of Knights Templar in the United States of America, and since the 21st of June, 1816, when the General Grand Encampment of the United States was formed, has been a component part of that body, Ill.: Bro.: De Witt Clinton, D.: G.: M.: of the Supreme Council 33d, &c., &c., being elected first General Grand Master.

On the 28th day of February, A.: L.: 5814, the Committee appointed by the Supreme Council to take into consideration the printed circular of DE LA MOTTA, reported as follows :

TO THE GLORY OF THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

ORDO AB CHAO.

At the Orient of the most powerful Sovereign Grand Conistory of Grand Inspectors General of the 33d degree, and Princes of the Royal Secret, Supreme Chiefs of Exalted Masonry of the Ancient Scottish Rite of Heredom, for the United States of America, under the celestial canopy, at the central point, answering to $40^{\circ} 41'$, north latitude.

HEALTH. STABILITY. POWER.

Extract from the minutes of the Grand Conistory, at its session the 28th day of the 12th month, Anno Lucis, 5813.

The Committee appointed at the last Session to take into consideration the

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the printed circular then communicated, made their report, which is as follows :

To the most Potent Sovereign Grand Conjsistory of the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, sitting at New York :

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred a printed paper purporting to be issued under the signatures of E. de la Motta, Jn. Mitchell and Frederick Dalcho.

Your Committee in undertaking the charge committed to them, have felt that this production derives its only title to the consideration of the Gr. : Con. : from the manner in which it has been published and distributed.

Had it been only communicated to those, who regularly clothed with the exalted degrees, were furnished with the means to detect its absurdity, the dignity of the Gr. : Con. : would have been properly vindicated in consigning it without notice to merited contempt. But the means which have been used to disseminate it, will not permit the Gr. : Con. : to be passive, nor to withhold from the Masonic world, the proof that it is but a malicious calumny, in every respect anti-Masonic, and published with no other view than the gratification of private malice.

To this effect your committee submit their reflections on this extraordinary proceeding, on the degrees and power arrogated by E. de la Motta, a native of St. Croix, in the West Indies, and on the authority of his two chiefs, pretending to act in the name of a Sup. : Council at Charleston.

From these it will appear to what extent De la Motta has relied on the want of information and on the credulity of those to whom his missive has been sent.

It purports to be the act of an individual in virtue of his own powers ; yet affecting to proceed at the special request of a collective body to which he belongs, and must be either his act or theirs. If his own, in virtue of exclusive authority in him, there could be no necessity, or even propriety, in using the name of the Body. If its previous sanction were requisite, why is not that act promulgated with the regular attestations in support of its authenticity ? Wherever a derivative authority is claimed, it can never be allowed, unless accompanied by a constituent act in its perfect form. But an approbatory decree is subjoined. Of whom ? Of the body ? No.

Two other representatives, without credentials, start up to approve in the name of a Council, the proceedings of De la Motta; and, so barren is it of members, that it cannot supply a Chancellor, or Secretary, or Keeper of the Seals, to attest an important document, directed to all the Masonic bodies in the Universe. The reason must be obvious. It appears from the very instruments—No such Council ever made such request—No such Council in fact exists.

On the 21st September, 1813, at New York, (the designated latitude of which, does not reflect much credit on the geographical attainments of this Sovereign Grand Inspector General,) this denunciation is made. Had it been previously authorized, a confirmation would be nugatory. Yet, on the 24th December following, two persons, acting as individuals, but in the name of a Council, give their approbation; and by this very instrument, subscribed by them as Sovereign Grand Commander and his Lieutenant, exclude themselves from deliberating or deciding on ulterior measures, leaving these to the absolute and arbitrary will of their Treasurer, an *inferior officer*, whose *future* acts, just or unjust, lawful or unlawful, they adopt and sanction in advance. Can any Mason, or any man, believe that so preposterous an act, can proceed from men having the slightest knowledge of the principles of our Order, or of common sense?

Amplly as other circumstances have proved to the Gr. Con. that if there ever was a Council at Charleston, it has long ceased to exist, no more decisive evidence could be wanted than these absurd contrivances of its pretended members. If there were such a body, would it not be seen vindicating to the Masonic world prerogatives and jurisdiction, against the usurpation of which it complained, by one of its most solemn acts, authenticated in the amplest form?

Nor will the authority of De la Motta and his coadjutors, appear in a more favourable light from the matter, than from the form, of this daring calumny.

After some confused recitals, it declares, First, that Joseph Cerneau is an impostor, expelled by De la Motta, from every Masonic Asylum. Secondly, that his proceedings and Masonic works, since his arrival from the West Indies, are unlawful, void and totally *vitiating*. Thirdly, it declares the reason why they are so, that is, "by his last bare-faced imposture, and highly anti-Masonic conduct." Now the only specific imposture and conduct
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alleged, and which is called the list, and of course must be the first, also, is the publication of the Tableaux, or list of the members of this Gr.: Con.: This, then, is the highly anti-Masonic conduct by which he declares the previous proceedings to be *vitiated*, admitting thereby that they were regular before. This absurdity cannot escape the notice of the most careless. Can the publication of a list of persons, composing a collective body, vitiate its acts? Even supposing such a measure improper, it cannot annul antecedent regular transactions.

Yet this is the only reason offered to cover the malignity which has prompted this atrocious libel on a valuable and zealous Mason, an industrious artisan, the father of a family, a meritorious and peaceful citizen.

But the malice of this production is not more apparent than its arrogance and injustice. Betraying the greatest ignorance of the Masonic system in the United States, it usurps jurisdiction over the three degrees of what is usually denominated Ancient Masonry.

It is well known that the three first degrees are under the exclusive superintendence of Independent Grand Lodges. Admitting that De la Motta is in fact a Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: (which your Committee have the most satisfactory reasons to disbelieve) he has gone beyond the line of his duties and his powers to interfere with that jurisdiction.

Your Committee on the point refer the Consistory to the communication, giving notice of its establishment, to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in which they expressly recognize its supremacy over Master Masons.

The Sovereign Grand Commander, Cerneau, is punished and condemned according to the "Old System." *Castigat audit que dolos*, with some improvements of this Modern Rhadamanthus, for he will *hear* nothing. Next the associates or members of the Consistory are threatened with the same fate unless they submit; and this summons to answer, kept secret for more than three months, is for the first time promulgated with the decree of this threefold Council of single men, expelling them in mass "from every or any lawful degree or Masonic Society."

Did not the daring malignity of this pretended denunciation, sustain the indignation it excites, its ludicrous inconsistency would put all gravity at defiance.

As to the declaration in favour of a Sov.: Gr.: Con.: said to be formed the 6th August, 1806, it is only necessary to remark, that those who have
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any knowledge of our degrees, of De la Motta, and of some of the persons he names, must allow that it is *utterly impossible* that they ought to be what they profess.

It is well known that that body never pretended to any power previous to the notice of its formation on the 7th March, 1809, long after this was established and its formation publicly announced. So well aware were the persons who composed that Consistory of its defects and of the regularity of this, that after many efforts to sustain it, and much expense, borne in no equitable proportion, by many who were deluded to enter it, they suffered it to sink at once into inactivity and oblivion.

Some individuals, who had assisted in its irregular proceedings, convinced of their error, applied for and received the degrees depending on this Grand Consistory.

Others, tenacious of their pride, but convinced of our correctness, applied for admission collectively; a proposition obviously inadmissible, which was at once rejected, and which could only have proceeded from persons ignorant of our laws and institutions, or disposed to sanction the violation of the obligations they impose.

Your Committee might securely rely on the observations they have made on this defamatory paper, to establish its total irregularity; but it is in such direct violation of the fundamental laws and institutions of exalted Masonry, that they cannot refrain from showing that by these, that point is put beyond the reach of doubt.

The Gr.: Con.: is vested with the sole power of administration and legislation, including that of granting constitutions, in all the degrees which appertain to exalted Masonry. The establishment of a Gr.: Con.: absolutely supercedes the individual authority of the Grand Inspectors General, in the regulation and government of the Order.

As to this degree of Grand Inspector General, in rank the 33d, the laws and regulations direct the manner in which the members on whom it is conferred shall be selected. It is a dignity granted as the reward of merit and experience. Those who are invested with it do not possess the arbitrary and irresponsible power which some who pretend to act under "*secret constitutions*" imagine they are authorized to exercise.

Before your Committee dismiss this disgusting mass of absurdity and wickedness, which certainly discovers no characteristic of the Christian morality

morality of our Order, they beg leave to draw the attention of the Consistory to the insinuation contained in the words "having received no satisfaction," &c., which leave it to be inferred that our Sovereign Grand Commander was bound to give such satisfaction. De la Motta has not pretended to allege that any application (which ought to have preceded an accusation for neglect or refusal) was made to Brother Cerneau. But the multiplied abuses existing in this country by means of persons falsely pretending to possess the Exalted degrees, early attracted the notice of the Gr.: Con.: and connected with various insidious attempts to take advantage of the deficiency of our Sovereign Grand Commander in the English language, and of the unsuspecting confidence of his character, produced a determination to have all applications referred to the Gr.: Con.: Of this De la Motta was apprised, he was told if he wished to inspect our Documents, he should, by applying to the Gr.: Con.: have all the satisfaction he required, provided he proved his right to it. Had he pursued this course, his conduct would have been conformable to that of a person clothed with lawful powers. This refusal indicates that he was not willing to examine too closely into our powers, nor to submit his claims to that investigation which the Consistory might deem it their duty to make.

After this ample exposure of an Instrument which can inflict disgrace on none but its authors and abettors, your Committee might safely conclude their labours, but they prefer submitting on this occasion some of the circumstances attending the establishment and progress of the Gr.: Con.:, which will also reflect some more light on the pretended Council at Charleston, which, in a spirit of appropriation your Committee have no doubt is in strict conformity with the fact, De la Motta emphatically calls his.

Immediately on its installation, the Gr.: Con.: gave notice to the Supreme Masonic bodies in Europe and the West Indies, to whom it at the same time communicated *copies of the patents under which it was formed*. These were followed by the most ample recognition on the part of the Supreme Grand Council of France, an act sufficient in itself to outweigh the cavils of all imposters.

Having heard that a Council had existed at Charleston, South Carolina, which might yet be in activity, a circular, with copies of the Patent or Warrant, and a list of the members, was also transmitted thither and delivered to the person whose name appears as Grand Commander to the act
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approving De la Motta's denunciation. No answer being received, another was dispatched, but with no better success. Your Committee here will just remark that if the Council at Charleston was a regular body, and deemed us usurpers, it was their duty to take instant and effectual measures to arrest our progress. If we were regular, Masonic courtesy, as well as their obligation, required them to acknowledge us without delay. They have done neither.

This profound silence and neglect was of itself sufficient to satisfy the Gr.: Con.: that the body at Charleston, if it ever had a lawful existence, was extinct.

The subsequent transactions of the Gr.: Con.: were warranted by the high constitutions under which it acts; and were required by the abuses produced in various parts of the United States, by imposters who made a shameful traffic of their pretended degrees.

Its inherent power is the fullest warrant for the extent of its jurisdiction, recognized as at least co-extensive with the limits of the nation where it is established.

The public papers throughout the United States bear testimony to the publicity which it has given to all the acts of which it concerned the dispersed members of the higher orders to be apprised. Years have since elapsed, and till now no one has had the hardihood to impeach its proceedings. It has persevered peacefully and successfully towards its ultimate objects,—the correction of abuses, and the establishment, on a firm foundation, of the degrees under its peculiar care.

Men distinguished in the annals of our Order, have received from it constitutions for the establishment of exalted bodies, in various parts of the United States.

And does this pretended Council of Charleston, after years of torpid indifference, expect now to rival the vital energies of this Consistory? If two or three members, the fragments of its dissevered frame, (and of their title to be thus considered there is no proof,) do now reside at Charleston, it is obvious they have made no efforts to raise it from the dust. They have not a sufficient number for any deliberation, or official purpose, according to the established laws of the Order. How futile must be their expectations, that, after so many years of peaceful slumber, three individuals could overturn, or even shake, a body regularly formed, respectable as well

well on account of its labours as of the individuals who compose it, and recognized by competent authority, whose testimony must outweigh the attempts of ten thousand such detractors.

The Consistory, if called upon by a body competent to decide, might view with triumph the opportunity such an occasion would present to disclose all the evidence which they possess to confound their calumniators.

After this ample statement, your Committee are of opinion that the Gr. Con. should submit to the good sense of all who may be called on to judge, the decision between it and its accusers. With respect to any future attack either from the same or any other quarter, your Committee deem it most dignified and proper for the Consistory to oppose the invitation for all who feel interested in their concerns to apply directly to it for information.

Your Committee advise that the Consistory should on no other similar occasion give any other answer than that it is willing to submit its acts to the investigation of all whom it may concern to make it in a regular and constitutional manner.

But your Committee cannot hesitate to advise that the Consistory owe to themselves and the interests of Masonry in general, to denounce to the Masonic world this proceeding of De la Motta and his associates.

All which is respectfully submitted.

New York, 28th Feb. A. L. 5814.

Signed,

JOHN W. MULLIGAN.

JONA. SCHIEFFELIN.

MARTIN HOFFMAN.

E. HICKS.

A. RAINETAUX.

JOS. BOUCHAUD.

FRANCIS DUBUAR.

Whereupon, Resolved, unanimously, That this Gr. Con. approve and adopt the said report, that it be entered at length on the minutes of this session, and the original deposited among the Archives of the Gr. Con.

Resolved, That the conduct of Emanuel de la Motta and his associates, in framing and publishing their said acts against our Sovereign Grand Commander, and the members of this Gr. Con., be and it is hereby denounced to the Masonic world as irregular, anti-Masonic, and scandalous.

Resolved, That this Gr. Con. does not recognize the said Emanuel de la Motta and his associates as legally possessing the degrees or powers
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which they claim, nor as worthy of admission into any regular assembly of exalted Masons. And that their pretended acts are void and insignificant.

Resolved, That it be and hereby is enjoined on all the Masonic bodies under our jurisdiction to govern themselves by the tenor of these proceedings.

Resolved that copies, authenticated in due form, of the said report and of the resolutions taken thereon at this meeting, be transmitted with all possible dispatch to the different bodies corresponding with the G. : Con. : in the two hemispheres ; to the Grand Councils of P. R. S. and other bodies under its jurisdiction.—To the most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and the other most Worshipful Grand Lodges of the United States, and elsewhere under the canopy of heaven ; and to such other bodies as the Sovereign Grand Commander shall direct.

A True copy from the Minutes.

By order of the Grand Consistory.

A. RAINETAUX,

R. C. K. H. S. P. R. S.

Grand Secretary.

Sealed and Stamped by

J. SCHIEFFELIN,

R. C. K. H. S. P. R. S.

Gr. : Inf. : Gen. : 33d deg.

Grand Keeper of the Seals.

Previous to the above report having been made, letters were addressed to DE LA MOTTA, by Ill. : Brother Stephen De Blois, and others, in response to copies of the unmaſonic circular above alluded to, which he had the temerity to forward them. The letter of De Blois is as follows :

NEWPORT, R. I., *February 5th*, 1814.

E. DE LA MOTTA :

SIR,—Your circular under date of the 31st ult., I received by mail last evening, the contents of which in every point of view merit the contempt of every Mason or man of common sense. If any controversy or misunderstanding had taken place between your self-styled Royal Highness, Illustrious General of the Holy Empire, and the Grand Consistory of the United States, it was your duty to have pointedly addressed them, and if our interference

interference had been deemed necessary, we ought to have been addressed in a manner becoming a Mason and a gentleman. The Consistory from which we had the honour of receiving our charter, and which we now work under, we were, previous to our application to them, convinced was regularly and legally established, and acknowledged in different parts of the world. Our authority we do not mean to conceal, but enjoy every privilege granted us, and defend the dignity attached thereto to the last extremity. Your threats to expose the gentlemen composing the said Gr. Con., particularly the Hon. De Witt Clinton, I doubt not will take such notice of it as it requires, in which he will be supported by his worthy companions. In a short time we shall call a meeting of our members, and jointly reply to your contemptuous letter. In the mean time, we shall address Mr. Joseph Cerneau and enclose him one of your letters for his inspection and direction. Let me respectfully caution your High and Mighty Illustrious Grand Inspector General, and Royal Treasurer of the United States, not to harbour an idea of advertizing my name as he threatens, for the moment I see it, or hear of it, I will advertize you as a scoundrel through the world, and individually prosecute you to the extremity of the law, in which I assure you I shall be followed by each of my worthy companions. If you have any further communications to make, let them be couched in proper language, and in the like manner they will be replied to. And if you wish letters post-paid, you will please set the example by paying the postage of any further letters you write.

Your obedient humble servant,

STEPHEN DE BLOIS.

The effects of the able report of the Committee on the minds of an enlightened Fraternity soon became apparent. Its plain statements and unanswerable arguments carried conviction of the iniquitous proceedings of De la Motta and his associates at Charleston, S. C.; for even from that city where both MITCHELL and DALCHO, and DE LA MOTTA were best known, an application was shortly afterwards made by brethren, residents thereof, to the Supreme Council for the United States of America, &c., &c., for the founding and constituting a Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, which request was granted, and the said Council consisted of the following Illustrious brethren as officers :

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John S. Cogdell,	Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of S. C., Ill.:	President ;
Thomas W. Bacot,	Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of S. C.,	“ Ex-President ;
A. E. Ulmo,		“ Dep. President ;
Isaac M. Wilson,	Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of S. C.,	“ S. Gr. Warden ;
Peter Fagolle,		“ J. Gr. Warden ;
F. L. L’Herminier,		“ Gr. Orator ;
Charles S. Tucker,		“ Gr. Secretary ;
Peter Despertes,		“ Gr. Treasurer ;
A. L. Prince,		“ Gr. M. of Cer. ;
Antoine A. A. Carivene,		“ Gr. K. of Seals ;
Samuel Richards,		“ Gr. C. of Guards ;
Richard Pearce,		“ Gr. Expert ;
Jacques Magnan,		“ Gr. Hospitaller.

Members.—Joel R. Poinfett ; Simon S. Chancognie ; John Uylee ; Peter Javain, which latter Ill. Brother represented the Sovereign Grand Conistory of New York, and Ill. Brother Jacob Schieffelin was appointed representative near the Sovereign Grand Conistory at this Grand East.

The Grand Council immediately after it had been constituted, founded a Sovereign Chapter of Princes of Rose Croix in the City of Charleston, under the title of “ Friends of Peace,” of which were officers :

Joel R. Poinfett,	Ill.:	President ;
Thomas W. Bacot,	“	Ex-President ;
John Dumaine,	“	Gr. S. Warden ;
John Cogdell,	“	Gr. J. Warden ;
Isaac M. Wilson,	“	Gr. Secretary ;
Anthony E. Ulmo,	“	Gr. Orator ;
Pierre Despertes,	“	Gr. Treasurer ;
Chas. S. Tucker,	“	Gr. M. of Cer.

A petition was also received from several brethren in Philadelphia, praying for the constituting of a Grand Council of Princes of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, for the State of Pennsylvania. The request was complied with,

with, and a Grand Council constituted there with the following Ill. Brethren as officers :

John F. Hartell,	Ill. President ;
John F. Canonge,	“ Gr. S. Warden ;
John F. Herils,	“ Gr. J. Warden ;
Peter Duler,	“ Gr. Secretary ;
J. Gardette,	“ Gr. Treafurer ;
A. Sabel,	“ Gr. K. of Seals ;
J. M. Monges,	“ Gr. Hofpittaller.

M. Ill. Brother John W. Mulligan was appointed representative near the Sov. Gr. Consistory at New York.

On the 21st day of May, of this year, (1814,) DE LA MOTTA, (now rendered notorious,) without even the knowledge of his associates at Charleston, S. C., aided by an individual of the name of JOHN JAMES JOSEPH GOURGAS, an *emigre*, who had been an amanuensis in his employ, and others who had clandestinely received the Sublime Degrees through his (DE LA MOTTA's) instrumentality, capped the climax of their illegal and clandestine proceedings, by establishing what they denominated “The Supreme Grand Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States,” whose headquarters they located at New York.

This bold usurpation was after a delay of nearly eight months, partially sanctioned by some of DE LA MOTTA's colleagues at Charleston, who granted a charter to the spurious body thus formed, on the 7th January, 1815 ; but, it was not until the 21st May, 1815, that the Charleston Council finally ratified the act.

In 1816, in consequence of the invasion of the jurisdiction, and the adverse feelings manifested by the Supreme Council at Charleston, the continued intrigues of its agents, and the founding by them of various bodies, in this and other States, the following circular was issued by the Sovereign Grand Consistory, and directed to all the Masonic bodies in the United States of America.

ORDO AB CHAO.

To the Glory of the G. A. of the Univerſe.

Most Potent Grand Consistory of the Supreme Chiefs of Exalted Masonry

sonry of the Ancient Scottish Rite of Heredom for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies.

Extract from the minutes of its Sessions of the 30th day of the ninth moon, Anno Lucis, 5816, common era, 30th November, 1816.

Under the Cel.: Canopy of the Zenith, at the central point answering to the 40th degree, 41 min.: N.: L.:

The Sovereign Grand Confinity regularly convoked, met in general assembly on the day above mentioned, at the usual place for holding its sittings, and its labours opened by the Sovereign Grand Commander in the accustomed form and manner.

The subject of the following decree being under consideration, and the motives that led to this measure being maturely weighed and appreciated, several members having evinced their opinion upon it, and the Ill.: Bro.: Minister of State, being heard, it was, unanimously adopted in these words:

WHEREAS the right of granting Constitutional Charters, for Masonic Institutions, within the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, from the perfect Master fourth degree, to that of Grand Inspector General 33d, both inclusive, exists only with the Sovereign Grand Confinity of Supreme Chiefs of exalted Masonry, therefore,

RESOLVED, That to be entitled to the privileges and prerogatives of Masonic bodies constituted by this Grand Confinity, all that are working in those degrees in the United States of America, its territories and dependencies under, or under pretence of any foreign authority, shall within eleven months from the date, present their warrant or authorization for the inspection of this Grand Confinity; and that the certificates of such inspection shall be delivered gratis.

ALSO Resolved, That the preceding resolution be inserted at the head of the list of the members of the Sovereign Grand Confinity, &c., about to be printed.

A true copy from the Minutes.

A. RAINETAUX, Gr.: Chancellor.

The list of officers above alluded to is as follows:

T.: M.: Ill.: B.: Joseph Cerneau, P.: M.: M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.

“ “ De Witt Clinton, G.: M.: of the Grand Lodge, Dep.: Gr.: Com.

T.: M.:

T.: M.: Ill.: B.:	Charles Guerin, P.: M.:, 1st Lieut.: G.: Com.
“ “	James B. Durand, P.: M.:, 2d Lieut.: Gr.: Com.
“ “	John W. Mulligan, P.: M.:, 1st M.: of State ;
“ “	Cadwallader D. Colden, S.: W.: of the Gr.: Lodge, 2d M.: of State ;
“ “	Anthony Rainetaux, G.: Chancellor ;
“ “	John P. Schifano, Gr.: Secretary ;
“ “	Joseph Bouchaud, P.: M.:, 1st Assistant Secretary ;
“ “	Francis Dubuar, P.: M.:, 2d Assistant Secretary ;
“ “	Joseph Gouin, Gr.: Treasurer ;
“ “	Jacob Schieffelin, P.: M.:, Gr.: K.: of the Seals ;
“ “	Jonathan Schieffelin, P.: M.:, 1st Gr.: M.: of Cer.
“ “	Thomas Lownds, P.: M.:, 2d Gr.: M.: of Cer.
“ “	Touffaint Midy, 1st Gr.: Ex.: Introd.
“ “	Elias Hicks, P.: M.:, 2d Gr.: Ex.: Introd.
“ “	Martin Hoffman, Dep.: Gr.: M.: of the Gr.: Lodge, Gr.: Captain of G.
“ “	W. T. Hunter, P.: M.:, Gr.: Hospitaller.

Present Members.—The Most Illustrious Brethren, Caspar W. Eddy, James Gelston, Aaron H. Palmer, Abraham Lott, Alexander Glas, John Telfair.

Absent Members.—The Most Illustrious Brethren, J. P. Berard, Ex.: Gr.: Chan.: Gr.: Hon.: Off.: P.: M.:, Charles Clinton, J. B. Subrau, Lewis Labourdette, Lalung Montrop, Emmanuel Gigaud, J. B. M. Le Febvre, W. Davis, P. Chamau, Moreau Lillet, D. D. Deffésarts, Stephen Deblois, R. Merrill, J. F. Hurtel, P. Duler, T. W. Bacot, P. Desportes, J. Dumaine.

Deputies Inf.: Gen.: in the Provinces.—The Most Illustrious Brethren, J. Pinard, for the State of Louisiana ; John A. Shaw, for the State of Rhode Island ; A. J. Blocquerst, for the State of Pennsylvania ; Peter Javain, for the State of South Carolina ; Louis de Loup, for the State of Maryland.

Honorary Members.—The Most Illustrious Brethren, Germain Hacquet, Gr.: Hon.: Com.:, Representative near the Grand Orient of France in Sup.: Council of Rites Sov.: Gr.: Con.:, and Sup.: Council of Grand Inspectors

Inspectors Generals 33d degree; J. J. Itter, Representative near the Sup.: Council of Gr.: Imp.: General of the 33d degree for the Island of Jamaica; A. M. Dupotet, Gr.: Hon.: Com.:; John A. Lamourous; John Huard; Joseph Toirac; Barthelemy Bruneteau.

Representatives of the corresponding bodies near the M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Consistory.

The Most Illustrious Brethren, Joseph Cerneau, for the Gr.: O.: of France, Sup.: Council of Rites, and Sov.: Grand Consistory; James B. Durand, for the Sov.: Gr.: Council of the Sub.: P.: of R.: Sec.: for the State of Louisiana; Thomas Lownds, for the Sov.: Gr.: Council of the Sub.: P.: of R.: Sec.: for the State of Rhode Island; John W. Mulligan, for the Sov.: Gr.: Council of the Sub.: P.: of R.: Sec.: for the State of Pennsylvania; Jacob Schieffelin, for the Sov.: Gr.: Council of the Sub.: P.: of R.: Sec.: for the State of South Carolina.

Grand Committee of General Administration.

President.—T.: M.: Ill.: B.: De Witt Clinton.

Vice-President.—T.: M.: Ill.: B.: Charles Guerin.

Members.—James B. Durand, John W. Mulligan, Pascal Schifano, Joseph Gouin, Anthony Rainetaux, Jacob Schieffelin.

During the year 1817, the circular which was addressed the November preceding to the various Masonic bodies throughout the United States, brought under the inspection and approval of the Sovereign Grand Consistory:

The SOV.: CHAPTER OF P.: R.: X.:, under the title of "*Triple Alliance*," sitting in the Valley of New York.

The SOV.: CHAPTER OF P.: R.: X.:, under the title of "*Friends of Peace*," sitting in the Valley of Charleston, S. C.

The GRAND COUNCIL OF SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET for the State of New York, sitting in the City of New York.

The GRAND COUNCIL OF SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET for the State of Louisiana, sitting in the Valley of New Orleans, La.

The GRAND COUNCIL OF SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET for the State of Rhode Island, sitting in the City of Newport.

The GRAND COUNCIL OF SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET for the State of Pennsylvania, sitting in the City of Philadelphia.

The GRAND COUNCIL OF SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET for the State of South Carolina, sitting in the City of Charleston.

In the year 1818, the Supreme Council of the 33d degree published their annuary or official list of officers, &c., and forwarded the same to all the bodies in correspondence with them. The names are as follows :

T.: M.: Ill.: B.:	Joseph Cerneau, P.: M.: M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.
“ “	De Witt Clinton, Gr.: M.: of the Grand Lodge, and Governor of the State of New York, M.: Ill.: D.: Gr.: Com.
“ “	John W. Mulligan, P.: M.: M.: Ill.: L.: Gr.: Com.
“ “	Cadwallader D. Colden, S.: W.: of the Grand Lodge, and Mayor of the City of New York, Ill.: M.: of State;
“ “	Charles Guerin, P.: M.: Ill.: Gr.: Treas.: of the H.: E.
“ “	John P. Schifano, Ill.: Gr.: Secretary of the H.: E.
“ “	Jonathan Schieffelin, P.: M.: Ill.: Gr.: K.: of the Seals.

Present Members.—The Most Illustrious Brethren, Jacob Schieffelin, James B. Durand, Joseph Gouin, Elias Hicks, Touffaint Midy, Anthony Rainetaux, Thomas Lownds, Francis Dubuar, Joseph Bouchaud, Martin Hoffman.

Absent Members.—The Most Illustrious Brethren, G. Hacquet, Gr.: Hon.: Com.:, France; J. J. Itter, Jamaica; Emmanuel Gigaud; J. P. Berard; John Huard; John B. Le Febvre; Pierre Chamau; A. J. Blocquerit; J. F. Hurtel; P. Duler; Louis le Loup, Md; J. Pinard, La; P. Javain, So. Ca.; P. Desportes; J. Dumaine.

In 1819, the list of officers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory was slightly changed. Ill.: Brother Aaron H. Palmer was elected Grand Chancellor, in the place of A. Rainetaux; Joseph Bouchaud, Grand Secretary; Harman Westervelt, 2d Assistant Grand Secretary; Elias Hicks, Grand Keeper of the Seals, and Abraham Lott, Grand Hospitaller.

In 1820, the Sovereign Grand Consistory issued an edict, denouncing to all the Grand and Subordinate bodies in the world, as an impostor, JOSEPH DE GLOCK DE OBERNAY, *alias* D'OBERNAY DE GLOCK, who, under the pretence of his quality as a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33d degree, had

created members and erected a Grand Consistory in places under this dictation; and who had also conferred of his own mere motion the degrees of Ancient Masonry, and transferred the power to do so to within the jurisdiction of regularly constituted Grand Lodges. This measure drove this impostor into Masonic exile, and with his removal his he had produced ceased to exist.

In the Sovereign Grand Consistory there were some changes in the officers: James Gelston was elected Grand Treasurer in place of Joseph Gouin; Joseph Gouin, Grand Keeper of the Seals, in place of Jacob Schieffelin; Caspar W. Eddy, Grand Hospitaller, in place of Abraham Lott; and John Telfair, A.: to G.: I.:

During the year 1821, a most interesting and valuable correspondence was renewed with the Grand Orient of France, in Supreme Council of Rites, which latter body through Representative T.: M.: Ill.: Brother Germain Hacquet, forwarded to the Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Consistory their fraternal greetings, a copy of their Proceedings, and a renewed letter of acknowledgment signed by the officers and members.

In this year Ill.: Bro.: Jos. Cerneau resigned as Sov.: Gr.: Com.:, and was succeeded by Ill.: Bro.: John W. Mulligan.

In the month of September, 1822, T.: M.: Ill.: Brother Seth Driggs was appointed a Deputy Inspector General for the island of Trinidad, with the necessary powers forming and constituting a Sovereign Grand Council of Princes of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, together with Subordinate bodies, and also the constituting a Grand Provisional Committee at Port of Spain, in that island.

Patents were also granted for the formation of Grand Councils of Princes of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, and Capitulary Charters for Sovereign Chapters of Rose Croix, at the following places.

Baltimore, Maryland; Havana, island of Cuba; Mayaguez, island of Porto Rico; Cumana, Barcelona and La Guayra, in the Republic of Columbia. Deputy Inf.: Gen.: residing in the above places were appointed.

In June, 1823, Ill.: Bro.: John W. Mulligan resigned the office of Sov.: Gr.: Com.:, and Ill.: Bro.: De Witt Clinton became Sov.: Gr.: Com.:, Ill.: Bro.: Elias Hicks being appointed D.: G.: Com.

On the 15th August, A. D. 1824, the Marquis de La Fayette landed in New York City, as the nation's guest, and shortly afterwards was exalted by the

the Supreme Grand Council to the 33d and last degree of Masonry. On his return to France, he was received, acknowledged and proclaimed by the Grand Orient in Supreme Council of Rites.

On the 22d November, the Sovereign Grand Consistory granted a Capitulary Charter for a Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, under the distinctive title of "La Fayette," for the Valley of New York; the following officers being named :

Oliver M. Lowndes,	Ill. : President ;
Garritt Morgan,	" Gr. : S. : Warden ;
Henry Marth,	" Gr. : J. : Warden.

The officers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory at the close of this year were as follows :

De Witt Clinton,	M. : P. : Sov. : Gr. : Com.
Elias Hicks,	Dep. : Gr. : Com.
Jonathan Schieffelin,	1st Lieut. : -Gen. : Com.
F. Dubuar,	2d Lieut. : -Gen. : Com.
Martin Hoffman,	Minister of State ;
John Telfair,	Gr. : Chancellor ;
Alex. S. Glafs,	Gr. : Treasurer ;
Oliver M. Lowndes,	Gr. : Secretary ;
Mariano Velasquez de la Cadena,	Gr. : Sec. : for Foreign Department ;
Thomas Lowndes,	Gr. : K. : of Seals ;
S. Morgan,	1st Gr. : M. : of Cer.
Aug. T. Cerneau,	2d Gr. : M. : of Cer.
Wm. T. Hunter,	Gr. : Ex. : Introducer ;
Geo. Scriba, Jr.,	2d Gr. : Ex. : Introducer ;
Henry Marth,	Gr. : C. : of Guards ;
Hampton Dunham,	Gr. : Hospitaller.

In the month of January, 1825, was exalted by the Sovereign Grand Consistory, Brother Richard S. Spofford, M. D., of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and at a subsequent meeting held on the 17th day of same month, Ill. : Brother Spofford was appointed by letters patent, Representative of the Sovereign Grand Consistory in and for the State of Massachusetts, with
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the rank of Deputy Grand Inspector General, with power to constitute a Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, and also to form a Grand Council of Princes of the Royal Secret for the State of Massachusetts.

During the year 1826, there were no changes in the Supreme Council or Sovereign Grand Consistory.

In 1827, the Anti-Masonic or Morgan excitement commenced its ravages, and the Supreme Grand Council perceiving the desolation it had brought, and was still bringing to so many Masonic hearth-stones in other branches of the Order, determined to remain perfectly passive, and maintain a "masterly inactivity" until the scourge should have expended its fury. This course was strongly urged upon both the Supreme Grand Council and Sovereign Grand Consistory, by their Sovereign Grand Commander, the Illustrious Brother De Witt Clinton, who shortly after his advice had been concurred in by his Supreme Council, was on the 11th day of February, 1828, and while in the active performance of his duties as Governor of the State of New York, suddenly called to the Supreme Grand Council on High, his decease being lamented not only by his Illustrious Masonic associates, but by the nation at large. To the vacancy thus created, T. M. Illustrious Brother Elias Hicks succeeded, and the policy initiated by his predecessor, was faithfully and wisely carried out, until the Anti-Masonic tornado had expended itself, when the active labours of Exalted Masonry were again resumed.

In the interim, *i. e.*, during the years 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, Cadwalader D. Colden, and others withdrew altogether from the Masonic institution in all its branches, but their places were immediately filled from the other effective members of the Supreme Council, and Sovereign Grand Consistory. Several of the Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Consistories dependent on the Supreme Grand Council for the United States of America, &c., &c., unable to withstand the devastating influence of the politico-Masonic excitement, yielded up their existence, as well in New York, as in other places.

At the fitting of the Supreme Grand Council on the 23d day of the 12th M. M. A. L. 5831, the proceedings were of a highly important and interesting nature. We transcribe the following from the Golden Book of the same :

The Sup. Coun. of the P. S. Gr. Inf. Gen. 33d and last degree
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of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Heredom, for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, sitting at the Vertical Point of the Zenith, corresponding to the 40th deg.: 41 m.: N.: L.: and 3 deg.: 1 m.: 13 s.: E.: Long.: from Washington City, was extraordinarily assembled on this day, near the B.: B.:, by order and under the Presidency of the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam*) the most Ill.: Bro.: ELIAS HICKS.

The labours commenced with the usual solemnities; the proceedings of the former sitting were read and sanctioned by the Sup.: Coun.: and signed by the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.:, the M.: Ill.: 1st Lieut.: Gr.: Com.: and by the Ill.: Gr.: Sec.: of the H.: E.:

The M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: read to the Sup.: Coun.: a despatch addressed to him, under date of the 2d day of the 3d Mas.: M.: A.: L.: 5830, by the Sup.: Coun.: of France, of which the M.: Ill.: Bro.: COUNT DE ST. LAURENT had made an authentic translation, which was thereunto annexed, also a file of printed documents relating to the transactions of that body.

The reading of these documents was listened to with the greatest attention, and the important fact which the said despatch revealed to the Sup.: Coun.: of the United States, &c., caused among the members the most serious reflections.

The subject was forthwith taken into consideration, and the Sup.: Coun.: unanimously decided that a Committee should be appointed by the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.:, for the purpose of collecting information from the Archives, and preparing a reply to the Sup.: Coun.: of France, testifying its desire to entertain continually with them the most friendly and regular communications, and also to tender our kind regards for the attentions shown to us in the transmission of those printed works.

The Sup.: Coun.: Resolved, that the mentioned despatch and the printed works accompanying it be deposited in the Archives.

In conformity with these resolutions, the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: named the M.: Ill.: Bro.: the Marquis DE SAINT ANGELO to assist him in the said researches and collating the facts for the reply to the Sup.: Coun.: of France.

The M.: Ill.: Bro.:, the Marquis DE SAINT ANGELO, communicated to
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the Sup.· Coun.· a despatch from the P.· Sov.· Gr.· Com.·, the Count DE ST. LAURENT, by which he proposed to the Sup.· Coun.· for the United States of America, &c., to unite with them by a Treaty, of which he, at the same time, propose the basis, and of which the object is the Union of the two Powers, and of the Ancient Supreme Council of Mexico, already united to that of Terra Firma, South America, &c., in one self-same Dogmatical and Administrative power of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for every portion of America composing their respective jurisdictions and the Canary islands.

This proposition developed by the M.· Ill.· Bro.· the Marquis DE SANT ANGELO, was unanimously agreed to, and the Sup.· Coun.· Resolved, that the M.· P.· Sov.· Gr.· Com.· shall appoint a Committee of three members to whom the necessary full powers shall be given to treat as Commissioners on behalf of the Sup.· Coun.· with those of the Sup.· Coun.· for Terra Firma, &c., whom the M.· Ill.· and M.· P.· Bro.· Count DE ST. LAURENT shall designate to stipulate, make and sign the said Treaty.

According to this resolution, the M.· P.· Sov.· Gr.· Com.· appointed as members of the said Committee, the M.· Ill.· Bro.· JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, 1st Lieut.· Gr.· Com.·, the M.· Ill.· Bro.· O. de A. Marquis DE SANT ANGELO, Sov.· Gr.· Inf.· Gen.·, and the M.· Ill.· Bro.· GEORGE SMITH, Gr.· Sec.· of the H.· E.·, to whom all due and full powers were given to fulfill their mission.

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be fraternally directed to the M.· Ill.· Bro.· the Count DE ST. LAURENT.

The work of the day being terminated, the present record of the Sup.· Coun.· was inserted in the Golden Book, read, approved, and signed at the same time, and the sitting closed with the usual solemnity.

Made, Signed and Sealed the day, month and year *ut supra*.

ELIAS HICKS, Sov.· Gr.· Com.· (*ad vitam*.)

JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, 1st Lieut.· Gr.· Com.

GEO. SMITH, Gr.· Sec.· of the H.· E.

The following is a copy of the mentioned powers :

ORDO AB CHAO.

From the East of the W.· and of the Sup.· Coun.· of Sov.· Gr.· Inf.·

Inf.: Gen.: 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, fitting under the C.: C.: at the Vertical Point of the Zenith, corresponding to the 40th deg.: 41 m.: N.: L.:, and 3 deg.: 1 m.: 13 s.: E.: Long.: from Washington City.

Deus Meumque Jus.

To our M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 33d degree, most Valiant and Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, Knights of K.: H.:, Ill.: Princes and Knights, Gr.: Elects, Ineffable and Sublime Mafons of all degrees Ancient and Modern over the surface of the two Hemispheres ;

*To all those to whom these Letters of Credence shall appear and
may concern,*

HEALTH,

UNION,

POWER.

KNOW Ye, That having received an official proposition, dated the fourteenth day of the present month, from our M.: Ill.: and P.: Bro.:, the Count DE ST. LAURENT, Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam*) of the Sup.: Coun.: of the 33d degree for Terra Firma, New Spain, South America, Porto Rico, Canary islands, &c., &c., tending to unite by a solemn Treaty that Dogmatical and Administrative Body, including all its subordinate Sections, with the Sup.: Coun.: of the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, including all its subordinate Sections, and hereby to consolidate and increase the power and prosperity of our Sublime ORDER, and more particularly the safety and welfare of our Brethren throughout the whole world, and especially of our Hemisphere, and having appointed Commissioners with full and ample powers to arrange and regulate all matters and things touching and concerning the said Treaty :

And whereas, we the undersigned M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: and Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 33d degree, duly and lawfully congregated, cheerfully reciprocate in the laudable proposition of our M.: Ill.: Bro.: the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam*) of South America, &c., have appointed our M.: Ill.: Brethren JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 1st Lieut.: Gr.: Com.:; O. de A. Marquis DE SANT ANGELO, Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, and GEO. SMITH, So.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: and Gr.: Sec.: of the H.: E.:, to
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meet in convention with the Commissioners which our aforefaid most illustrious and most powerful Brother of South America shall judge proper to appoint, and thereby upon exchanging their powers to arrange, regulate and establish all such matters and things concerning the said Union of the two Sublime Bodies with full and ample power to conclude such a connexion or Treaty, reserving to ourselves the ratification thereof.

To which Letters of Credence we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed thereto the Grand Seal of our Sublime Order, in open Council, near the B. B., under the C. C., this 23d day of the 12th M. month, A. L. 5831; (*vulgo*) 23d February, A. D. 1831.

(Signed) ELIAS HICKS, P. Sov. Gr. Com. (*ad vitam*).
 JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, 1st Lieut. Gr. Com.
 O. de A. Marquis DE SANT ANGELO, 33d.
 GEO. SMITH, Gr. Sec. of the H. E. (L. s.)

The Committees named as above, after friendly explanations mutually interchanged between them, being fully convinced, the two Powers being of the same Rite, and same Degree, having a like Doctrine, being equally animated with a desire of attaining the object of their institutions, and both present, both willing to contract, both authorized so to do for the greatest possible interest of the Order, and especially that of our Sublime Rite, as well as for the benefit and security of the faithful Brethren who observe its rules; unanimously acknowledged, agreed and resolved, that a Treaty may be concluded without violating that principle which is the great *palladium* of the freedom and independence of all Masonic Rites, viz:

That "No Dogmatic Power of any Rite, can unite or amalgamate itself, by any means whatever, with any other Administrative or Dogmatic Power of any other Rite, nor even consent to become a part of, or dependent upon it without violating the letter and spirit of the fundamental laws of the Order, without renouncing the object of its establishment, without forfeiting, *ab ipso facto*, its Supreme Character, and ceasing to be a Power, or even a part of any Rite," concluded on the 5th day of the 2d month, A. L. 5832, a Treaty of Union and Amalgamation, of which the following is a *verbatim* copy:

Treaty

Treaty of
 UNION AND AMALGAMATION
 BETWEEN

The M.: Ill.: Bro.: ELIAS HICKS, P.: Sov.: Grand Inspector General of the 33d Degree, M.: P.: Sov.: Grand Commander (*ad vitam*), and the SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE M.: P.: SOV.: GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL OF the 33d and last Degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Sub.: Chiefs of Exalted Masonry for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, &c., &c., sitting at the Orient of the World, under the C.: C.:, at the Central Point of the Zenith, corresponding to the 40th degree 41 m.: N.: L.: and 3d degree 1 m.: 13 s.: E.: Long.: from Washington, duly and lawfully represented by

The M.: Ill.: and P.: Bro.: JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, P.: Sov.:, Grand Inspector General of the 33d Degree 1st Lieut.: Grand Commander ;

The M.: Ill.: Bro.: ORAZIO DE ATELLIS, Marquis DE SANT ANGELO, P.: Sov.:, Grand Inspector General of the 33d Degree ;

The M.: Ill.: Bro.: GEORGE SMITH, P.: Sov.:, Grand Inspector General of the 33d Degree and Grand Secretary of the H.: E.

All three members of the aforefaid Supreme Council, invested with their regular and full powers.

OF THE ONE PART ;

And the M.: I.: Bro.: M. A. N. A. R. de JACHIM DE SANTA ROSA DE ST. LAURENT, (Marquis DE SANTA ROSA, Count DE ST. LAURENT, &c., &c., &c.,) P.: Sov.: Grand Inspector General of the 33d Degree M.: P.: Sov.:, Grand Commander (*ad vitam*) of the Supreme Council of the P.: Sov.: Grand Inspectors General of the 33d Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Sublime Chiefs of Ancient and Modern Free Masonry for Terra Firma, South America or New Spain, &c., &c., (*from the one Sea to the other, &c.*) the Canary Islands, Porto Rico, &c., founder of the Most Ref.: Lodge of the COMMANDEURS DU MONT THABOR at the Orient of Paris, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the 33d Degree for France, &c., &c., &c., duly invested with the whole powers and authority of his Supreme Council and their subordinate Sections, &c., heretofore sitting at the Cent.: P.: of the 9th degree 40 m.: N.: L.: and

312 degree 40 m.: Long.: from the Ferro Islands, duly and lawfully represented by

The M.: Ill.: Bro.: LORENZO DE ZAVALA, P.: Sov.: Grand Inspector General of the 33d Degree ;

The M.: Ill.: Bro.: LUCAS UGARTE, P.: Sov.: Grand Inspector General of the 33d Degree ;

And the M.: Ill.: Bro.: JOHN MELANI, Chevalier DE SUSSARELLI, P.: Sov.: Grand Inspector General of the 33d Degree and Grand Chancellor *ad hoc* of the H.: E.:

All three members of the Supreme Council aforesaid, invested with their full and regular powers ;

OF THE OTHER PART.

To all Masons who shall behold these Presents :

HEALTH,

VIRTUE,

UNION.

Considering that two or more Sov.: Masonic Bodies of the same Rite, may voluntarily unite and amalgamate themselves in One Single Dogmatic and Administrative Body, whatever may be the limits of their respective territorial Jurisdictions, without violating the Secret Grand Constitutions, Institutes, or General Statutes of our Order, or the Doctrines or integrity of our Rite which is essentially tolerant, free and independent ;

Considering that the total extinction of the Ancient Supreme Council for Mexico or New Spain, &c., &c., and the actual dispersion of the members of the Supreme Council for Terra Firma, South America, &c., (*from the one Sea to the other,*) the Canary Islands, Porto Rico, &c., &c., have deprived the greater part of the Western Hemisphere of all the invaluable benefits that result from the Ancient and Accepted regular Masonic Worship ;

Considering that it is the duty of every Dogmatic and Administrative Power in General, and of every true Scottish Free and Accepted Mason in particular, to work indefatigably for the propagation of an Order, whose object is to spread useful knowledge, to extend the perfection of Morality, the exercise of all social, domestic and individual virtues, and consequently the utmost possible happiness of mankind in general, and of men in particular ;

Considering that it is urgent to prevent throughout all and every quarter of the World, and most particularly in the Western Hemisphere, in as far as it

as it is practicable, any fatal Schism, any illegitimate and dangerous establishment of Pseudo-Masonic Bodies, the Offspring of Corruption, Venality and base Ambition, and above all, any Arbitrary and irregular Concession of Masonic degrees by wandering imposters, to Individuals unworthy of ever being a part of any honest and moral association;

Considering, in fine, that, by this Union and Amalgamation made of the two largest Masonic Powers in the New World, unity and stability of the Order will be firmly consolidated, and the Sublime and pure Scottish Ancient and Accepted Rite, will more securely preserve its Independence, the tolerance and purity of its Dogma, together with its consistency and dignity;

WE HAVE AGREED AND DECREED, AND DO HEREBY
AGREE AND DECREE, AS FOLLOWS :

ARTICLE I.

The Supreme Council of the P.: Sov.: Grand Inspectors General of the 33d and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Sublime Chiefs of Ancient and Modern Free Masonry for Terra Firma, South America, Mexico or New Spain, &c., &c., (*from the one Sea to the other,*) Porto Rico, the Canary Islands, &c., &c.

And the Supreme Council of the P.: Sov.: Grand Inspectors General 33d and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Sublime Chiefs of Exalted Masonry for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies.

Are, hereby, and for ever United and Amalgamated into One individual Dogmatic and Administrative Body, each One being an essential part of the other.

ARTICLE II.

The Two United and Amalgamated Powers shall hereafter be designated by the distinctive title of "UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL, FOR THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, OF THE P.: SOV.: GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL, 33^D AND LAST DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, SUBLIME CHIEFS OF EXALTED MASONRY.

Their seat is invariably in the United States of America, at the Cen.:

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P.: of the 40th degree 41 m.: N.: L.: and 3d degree 1 m.: 13 s.: E.: Long.: from Washington.

In any case of emergency that may present itself, this Çent.: P.: may be changed by a decree of all their United Seçtions; but it shall never be removed from out of the territorial limits of the United States of America.

ARTICLE III.

In consequence of the Union and complete Amalgamation of the two Powers, all Lodges, Chapters, Colleges, Areopagufes, Councils, Confitories, &c., &c., &c., professing the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and that have hitherto received their Patents, Charters, Constitutions, &c., &c., &c., from either of the two United Powers, either within the former limits of their respective territorial Jurisdiction, or of that of each other, are all hereby, equally and indiscriminately recognized and proclaimed Lawful and Regular, and will therefore receive New Patents, Charters, or Constitutions from the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, provided they shall regularly transmit to it the lists of their respective dignitaries, officers and members, whether present or absent, honorary or titular, accompanied by an Authentic Copy of their Constitution, Patent, Charter and By-Laws, and likewise submit to the taking of a new oath to this Power, and appoint and delegate Representatives near it, duly invested with competent degrees and titles.

ARTICLE IV.

All Free Mafons of both the Americas, Porto Rico, the Canary Islands, &c., &c., professing the same Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and who may have hitherto received their Diplomas, Certificates or Patents from any Mafonic Body established at any point whatever within the former Jurisdiction of one or other of the heretofore Separate Powers, but not Constituted or Authorised by either of them, are to be considered as regular Mafons from and after the moment when they shall duly take the oath to submit to the Authority and Rules of the two United Powers, and shall then receive new Diplomas, Certificates or Patents, corresponding with their respective degrees.

Those also are to be considered as regular Mafons of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, throughout the whole extent of the Jurisdiction of the

the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, &c., who exclusively derived or who may hereafter derive their Diplomas, Certificates or Patents, from any regular Masonic Body of the same Rite, which shall have duly recognised its Dogmatic and Administrative Power and Independence.

ARTICLE V.

From the moment of the sanction and ratification of the present Treaty on the part of the two contracting Powers, the M.: Ill.: and P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam*) of the Supreme Council for Terra Firma, South America, Mexico or New Spain, the Canary Islands, Porto Rico, &c., &c., &c., Bro.: COUNT DE ST. LAURENT, will and does hereby, formally and solemnly abdicate, for himself and his successors, his aforesaid most high dignity and all the particular powers and authority invested in his person as such, in favour of the M.: Ill.: Bro.: ELIAS HICKS, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam*) of the Supreme Council for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, his Successors in that most high dignity, and also in favour of the said Supreme Council; to be perpetually possessed and exercised by them, without any restriction whatever, under the new title which by the present Treaty is conferred upon the Union of the two Powers, and conformably with our Grand Constitutions, the Institutes and Statutes of the Order and of the Rite.

ARTICLE VI.

In consequence of the premises, the M.: Ill.: and P.: Sov.: Gr.: I.: G.:, 33d Degree, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam*) of the Supreme Council for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, shall from and after the ratification of the present Treaty by the two Contracting Powers, renounce (*ipso facto*) that title for himself and his regular successors, and shall assume the title, rights and dignity of M.: Ill.: and M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam*) of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, of the P.: Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors General, 33d and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Sublime Chiefs of Exalted Masonry, and shall be proclaimed and acknowledged as such.

In the mean time, the M.: Ill.: and M.: Pot.: Sov.: Grand Inspector General, 33d Degree, Bro.: COUNT DE ST. LAURENT, heretofore M.: P.:
Sov.:

Sov.: Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam*) of the Supreme Council of the P.: Sov.: Grand Inspectors General, for Terra Firma, South America, the Canary Islands, Porto Rico, &c., &c., &c., Sublime Chiefs of Ancient and Modern Free Masonry, shall become, *ipso facto*, and shall assume and preserve during his life, the title and dignity of M.: P.: Sov.:, Assistant Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam*) of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, &c., he shall be proclaimed and acknowledged as such, shall enjoy all the privileges and honours inherent to this title and dignity, as an extraordinary and honourable reward, due to his long, arduous and devoted services to the Order and to our Sublime Rite. He shall be represented in the Supreme Council by a Sov.: Gr.: Inspector General, at his option, who, however, must be an active member thereof.

ARTICLE VII.

The M.: Ill.: Bn.:, P.: Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors General, 33d Degree, Princes of the Royal Secret and all other Sublime Princes and Exalted Masters who now form a part of the Supreme Council of the 33d Degree for Terra Firma, South America, &c., &c., &c., or of any of its sections, shall become, so soon as the present Treaty of Union and Amalgamation shall have been ratified, honorary members, if absent, or active members, if present, of the United Supreme Council of the Western Hemisphere, &c., or of its subordinate sections corresponding with their degrees. In both cases they are to retain the titles appertaining to their actual dignities, without however any exclusive right or privilege of pretending to those dignities in the New Body.

ARTICLE VIII.

For the purpose of protecting, maintaining and supporting the stability and independence of the Order, and the welfare of its members, to preserve it from any innovation or arbitrary usurpation, to uphold, throughout the extent of its Jurisdiction, the inviolability of the Secret G.: Constitutions, the Institutes and Statutes of the Rite, the present Treaty, and also to favour, in as far as may be possible, the propagation of the True Light; the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere may partially delegate its Authority, when it shall consider it advisable and proper so to do, to such Masonic Body or Power or Grand Inspector General, 33d Degree,

gree, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which it has already recognised or may hereafter recognise as lawfully existing in any part of the Western Hemisphere.

ARTICLE IX.

The M.: Ill.: and M.: P.: Bro.: Count DE ST. LAURENT, immediately after the sanction and ratification of the present Treaty by the Supreme Council for the United States of America, shall deposit in the Archives of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, and which shall be the proper Archives of the actual Supreme Council of the United States of America, &c., a list of all the Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Confraternities, &c., &c., &c., that have hitherto exercised their labours under his auspices, constitutions and control, with specifications of their respective locations; he shall likewise deposit all the documents he may at present possess, or may hereafter recover, belonging to his former Supreme Council or relating to its incipient establishment, and all its transactions up to the present day.

ARTICLE X.

Both the Contracting Powers have declared and proclaimed, and they do hereby proclaim and declare that the Thirteen Articles or Points of Masonic and true Scottish doctrine, inserted in the Records of their aforesaid and undersigned Committees, are to be considered as so many *palladium* of the integrity and safety of the Order, and of the tolerance, freedom and independence which constitutes the basis thereof, and likewise those of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. They pledge themselves to maintain them by all regular Masonic means in their power, as if they were literally inserted in the body of the present Treaty, in as far and so long as it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to protect and preserve their Union and Amalgamation and to bless their undertakings.

ARTICLE XI.

Experience having proved that on several occasions, and in some parts of the globe, deductions contrary to those doctrines have been erroneously drawn from the dispositions of the decree of the Sov.: Gr.: Confraternity for the United States of America, &c., issued the 30th day of the first month A.: L.: 5826, it is hereby agreed and understood that, the Supreme Council for the United States of America, &c., does hereby revoke such parts
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of said decree, as may be in opposition to any of the aforefaid Thirteen Points of Mafonic or Scottifh doctrine.

ARTICLE XII.

Thofe only, whatever their feveral and refpective titles may be, or their former dignities, in the one or the other of the two Contracting Bodies, and whofe names are already or may hereafter be fet down in the lifts annexed to the prefent Treaty, fhall be acknowledged as Active or Honorary Members of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemifphere, or its inferior fections, provided that they be included in one of the Categories determined by the 7th Article of this Treaty; and fuch of the aforefaid members as may have received fpecial powers from one or the other of the two Contracting Powers, up to the date of thefe prefents, fhall fubmit the fame for the Ratification of the United Supreme Council, within the fpace of nine months at furtheft, from the day of Ratification; this term expired, all thofe powers not fanced as aforefaid, fhall be deemed and confidered abfolutely void.

All powers granted anterior hereto by one or the other of the two M.: P.: Contracting Parties to individual Mafons, whofe names are not included in the aforefaid lifts of the members of the prefent Union, fhall become null and void from the day of the Ratification of this Treaty.

ARTICLE XIII.

The prefent Treaty embodied in authentic duplicate original, bearing the fame form, tenor and date, duly figned and fealed by the joint Committees of both the Contracting Parties, fhall be fubmitted for the fanced and Ratification of the faid Powers, to take effect within the fpace of nine days from the date thereof at furtheft.

After the Ratification thereof, it fhall be fworn to, and forthwith recorded Signed and Sealed in the Golden Book of the Aftual Supreme Council for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, and fhall form the clofe of the faid book.

All the other books ufed or kept by the Grand Secretary, Grand Chancellor or Grand Treafurer of the aforefaid Supreme Council for the United States, &c., fhall be regularly ftayed, fhut and clofed.

A new Golden Book, Records and other neceffary Registers fhall be opened in due form by competent Officers or Dignitaries, for the use of
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the Secretary, Chancery and Treasury Departments of the New H.: Emp.: of the Western Hemisphere.

The present Treaty shall form the commencement of the new Golden Book of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, when duly signed, sealed and ratified.

ARTICLE XIV.

Every Mason who shall henceforth be admitted to the 32d or 33d Degree and all other Masons of the said Degrees, who shall become members of the Grand Consistory of the 32d Degree, or of the United Supreme Council of the 33d Degree for the Western Hemisphere, shall sign the original of this Treaty, and make oath to maintain and support the same. Masonic Bodies or Masons of inferior degrees shall swear to observe and respect this Treaty and submit thereto.

ARTICLE XV.

A new Seal of the Order for the use of the New United Power shall forthwith be made, corresponding exactly with the model hereinafter affixed.

ARTICLE XVI.

Authentic copies of the present Treaty shall be transmitted, as soon as possible, to all Masonic Bodies subject to the joint Jurisdiction of the New United Powers, to all their Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: and to all duly and regularly acknowledged Dogmatic or Administrative Home and Foreign Masonic Powers, with whom they have heretofore corresponded, or may hereafter correspond.

DONE, SIGNED AND SEALED by us, the members of both the aforesaid delegated Committees, in the place specified in our records, at the Cent.: P.: of the Z.: this fifth day of the first week of the second month denominated *Yiar*, under the Zodiacal Sign of *Taurus*, in the Year of the G.: L.: Five thousand Eight hundred and Thirty-two, and of our L.: and Sav.: the fifth day of April, One thousand Eight hundred and Thirty-two.

O. de A. Marquis DE SANT ANGELO, 33d ;

LORENZO DE ZAVALA, 33d ;

JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, 33d ;

LUCAS UGRATE, 33d ;

J. MELANI SUSSARELLI, 33d, Gr.: Chan.: and Sec.: *ad hoc.* [L. s.]

GEO. SMITH, G.: S.: of S.: C.

[L. s.]

SPECIAL

SPECIAL POINTS

Of the Doctrine of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite which the two Contracting Parties engage to maintain, support and defend by all just and honourable means.

The two Contracting Powers conceive it a duty which they owe to the Order, to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite which they possess, to the Scottish Masons spread over the face of the Earth, and to themselves, hereby, now and forever, solemnly to consecrate those universal principles which are so many bases of their Doctrine.

1st. Masonry is a Worship which extends itself under different Rites *recognized* and *approved*, originating from one common source, those Rites, although of divers classes, nevertheless tend to the same object: Philosophy, Morality, Benevolence, such are the obligations which the true Mason imposes on himself and is bound to practise.

This Worship is essentially tolerant, free and voluntary in the exercise of its Rites.

2d. All true Masons, whatever their country or Rites may be, form but one family of brothers, extended over the surface of the globe.

They compose but one Order which has its Dogma, and which is governed by general and fundamental Institutes and Statutes; and that however diversified its Rites, all Masons are obliged to respect and observe.

3d. The diversity of Rites, necessarily causes the diversity of powers which govern them; for ONE RITE IS INDEPENDENT OF THE OTHER.

4th. To attempt to encroach upon the independence of a Rite, is to attack the independence of all the other Rites, schism is thereby introduced, and the whole Order disturbed.

5th. An act emanating from the Dogmatic or Administrative Power of One Rite, can only operate upon Masons of that Rite, who are subject to the Jurisdiction of that Power. It has no authority whatever over them, but in as far as it is strictly conformable to the fundamental laws of the Order, and it can prescribe nothing whatever that is in opposition to those laws.

The duties and privileges which arise from those principles, partake of the freedom of opinions; they are the dictates of conscience.

6th. Faithful and devoted to his country—submissive to its laws and institutions,

stitutions, the true Mason enumerates among his most sacred obligations, the fulfilment of the oaths which bind him to his Rite, to the Lodge where he received Light, and to the Masonic Power whence he derived his privileges.

He can only be exonerated from his obligations, by that power with which he contracted them, and in conformity with the Masonic Laws which he has sworn to observe and respect, **LAWS WITHOUT WHICH, NO MASONRY COULD EXIST.**

7th. Every attempt, every suggestion, having a tendency to induce a Mason to violate his sworn faith, to desert the banners of his Rite, are outrages which he is bound to repel.

Every measure calculated to compel him to do so, is unjust, arbitrary, oppressive, anti-Masonic, and he is bound to resist it.

8th. Every Masonic Power governs by general Statutes the different Associations appertaining to his own Rite, whether located within the limits of its territorial Jurisdiction, or established by its authority or license in countries where no power of the same Rite as yet exists.

9th. The power governing one Rite, is independent of another, even of that same Rite, and having an equal degree of authority, in their respective Orients.

10th. All Masonic Powers, whatever their Rites may be, are subjected to the General Laws of the Order. They are Radii tending to the same Central Point by unity of Opinions and Principles. (S.: S.: S.:)

11th. The object for which Lodges are established, is to accomplish the ends of the Order.

That of a Dogmatic Power consists in teaching them the doctrine and directing their actions by the purity of the Dogma, and by the observation of the General Institutes and Statutes of the Order.

It attains this object by assuring to the Lodges of its Jurisdiction, a lawful Constitution, by regulating the labours of the Rite which it professes, and by maintaining among the Lodges and the Masons composing them, harmony, good morals and union.

It overreaches this end, and defeats this purpose, whenever it undertakes to prevent Masons of its own Rite, and subjected to its authority, to seek elsewhere than in their own Rite, and within its territorial Jurisdiction, Lights which are not to be found in it; **FOR, THE VERY ESSENCE AND NATURE OF A MASON, IS TO SEEK FOR LIGHT WHEREVER HE THINKS HE CAN FIND IT.**

12th. Every Masonic Power regularly and lawfully instituted, duly recognised,

nized, and vested with the plenitude of the Dogmatic Power of a Rite, over whatever territorial Jurisdiction, has incontestably and exclusively the right to constitute, control and govern all the Lodges of the self-same Rite within the whole extent of its domain.

But this right never can give to a like power that of excluding, prohibiting or hindering a Power of another Rite, *even of a Foreign Orient*, to grant to Masons who solicit in the forms prescribed, the Charters necessary to establish regular Lodges, Chapters, or even a power of that Rite within the same territorial Jurisdiction.

13th. And inasmuch as regards particularly the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which the two Contracting Powers profess they acknowledge and declare,

That, there can exist but One Single Dogmatical Power or Sup.° Coun.° of the 33d Degree of that Rite, within the same territorial Jurisdiction.

That, the aforesaid power having authority over such territorial Jurisdiction, is the competent Judge of *Points of Honour*, among Masons subjected to its control ;

That, no Power whatever appertaining to this, or any subordinate branches thereof, can, without violating the general Statutes and Institutes of the Order, renouncing the objects of its institution, forfeiting its Charter, the noblest of its prerogatives, and moreover its authority, amalgamate itself with any other Power whatever of another Rite, founded upon a different system ; nor can it ever become, under any title whatsoever, a section or a part of that Power ; this species of Amalgamation is at variance with the mutual Independence of the Rites, and can only lawfully exist between Bodies of the same Rite and of the like Doctrine.

O. de A., Marquis DE SANT ANGELO, 33d ;

LORENZO DE ZAVALA, 33d ;

JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, 33d ;

LUCAS UGARTE, 33d ;

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GEO. SMITH, 33d, G.° S.° of S.° C. [L. s.]

This Treaty was solemnly ratified, and the Amalgamation completed on the 13th day of the 2d month, A.° L.° 5832, as will more fully appear by the following extract from the Golden Book :

TO

TO THE G.: OF THE G.: A.: OF THE U.:

ORDO AB CHAO.

THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL, for the Western Hemisphere, of the Pot.: SSS.:, G.: III.: G.: was duly and lawfully assembled under the C.: C.: and the sign of *Taurus* at the V.: P.: of the Z.:, corresponding to the 40th degree 41 m.: N.: L.: and 3d degree 1 m.: 13 s.: E.: Long.: from Washington City, on the 13th day of the 2d M.: M.:, A.: L.: 5832, at the Orient of the City of New York, in the United States of America.

After the Triple Ratification of the Treaty of Union made and signed on the 5th day of the present month, between the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam*) Bro.: COUNT DE ST. LAURENT, in his own name, and in the name and behalf of the Sup.: Coun.: of Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for Terra Firma, South America, New Spain, &c., &c., (*from the one sea to the other,*) the Canary Islands, Porto Rico, &c., &c., &c., and the Sup.: Coun.: of Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 33d and last degree of the same Rite for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, the labours of both the Bodies hitherto existing under those titles respectively were declared to be from this time for ever closed, and the ceremony of Installation of the United Supreme Council forthwith proceeded in.

The M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: then addressed the Body in an appropriate and feeling address, congratulating them upon the auspicious event which had just taken place, portrayed its benign and salutary influence upon the operations of the Scottish Rite, and Exalted Masonry in the Western Hemisphere, implored them to engage with energy and zeal in promoting the grand objects of the Institution and invoking the favour and blessing of the G.: Arch.: of the Universe upon this as well as upon all their future labours, concluded by announcing That, conformably with the 6th Article of the Treaty, and in consideration of the disinterested zeal, the pre-eminent talents, and the profound devotion, the M.: Ill.: Bro.: the Count DE ST. LAURENT, exemplified in suggesting and promoting the negotiation which has led to this interesting occurrence, he had proclaimed
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him and did anew proclaim him to be perpetual Assistant Sov.: Gr.: Com.: of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere.

The M.: Ill.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: then nominated and appointed :

The Ill.: Bro.:	JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, . . .	1st Lieut.: Gr.: Com.
"	FRANCIS DUBUAR, . . .	2d Lieut.: Gr.: Com.
"	GEORGE SMITH, . . .	Gr.: Sec.:
"	M. VELAZQUEZ DE LA CADENA, . . .	Assist.: Sec.: and Gr.: Archivist;
"	LORENZO DE ZAVALA, . . .	Min.: of State ;
"	JOSEPH BOUCHAUD, . . .	Gr.: Treasurer ;
"	JOHN TELFAIR, . . .	Gr.: Keeper of Seals ;
"	O. DE A. SANT ANGELO, . . .	Gr.: M.: of Cer.
"	Gr.: Expert ;
"	J. MELANI SUSSARELLI, . . .	Gr.: Cap.: of Guards ;
"	Gr.: Hospitaller ;
"	Gr.: Sword Bearer ;
"	LUCAS UGARTE,, . . .	Gr.: Stand.: Bearer.

All which officers were duly installed and proclaimed with the accustomed ceremonies and formalities, and preceded by the Sov.: Gr.: Com., took and subscribed the Oath appertaining to their respective Offices.

The Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: present, renewed the obligations of their Rank, and swore fidelity to the United Sup.: Coun.: and submission to its rules and decrees, and the Minister of State, for, and in the name and on behalf of all absent Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, and other M.: Sub.: PP.:, who by virtue of the Stipulations of the Treaty of Union make a part of the United Sup.: Coun.: or of its subordinate sections, promised due submission and fidelity, with the express understanding that no such absentee should be admitted to a seat in the Supreme Council or in any of its inferior sections without having first confirmed his submission by taking and subscribing the usual Obligations and transmitting an Authentic Copy of the same to be entered upon the minutes of the United Sup.: Coun.:

The Golden Book of the United Sup.: Coun.: was then regularly opened, paged and numbered by the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com., the Assist.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: and the Ill.: Bro.: 1st Lieut.: Gr.: Com., counterigned by the M.: Ill.: Bro.: Gr.: Secretary.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the minutes of the proceedings of the two last fittings of the Supreme Council for the United States of America, and such extracts from its Golden Book as the Sov.: Gr.: Com.: shall direct, shall be transcribed into the Golden Book of the *United Supreme Council* under the head of the present fitting.

Ordered, That the M.: Ill.: Bro.: COUNT DE ST. LAURENT, and the M.: Ill.: Bro.: SANT ANGELO, be a committee to examine, and extract from the Rules and Regulations of both the Sup.: Coun.: for the United States of America and South America, such rules as may to them seem suitably adapted to the United Sup.: Coun.: for the Western Hemisphere, and report them together with such other Rules, not comprised therein, as may be deemed useful and proper for its adoption.

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Ordered, That these proceedings be forthwith printed under the direction of the Sov.: Gr.: Com.: together with the Treaty of Union, its Ratification, &c., and that Copies of the same be transmitted to all acknowledged Masonic Bodies in the two Hemispheres, but more especially to those Confraternities, Colleges, Tribunals, Chapters, and Lodges which derive their authority from, or claim affinity to this Sup.: Coun.:

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The proceedings of the present fitting having been read and approved, the United Supreme Council was closed in due and solemn Form.

Deus Meumque Jus.

ELIAS HICKS, Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: 33d Degree, Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam.*)

DE ST. LAURENT, G.: I.:, 33d and Affist.: Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam.*)

JONATHAN SCHIEFFELIN, 1st Lieut.: Gr.: Com.

FRANCIS DUBUAR, 2d Lieut.: Gr.: Com.

GEORGE SMITH, Gr.: Sec.: Gen.

M. VELAZQUEZ DE LA CADENA, Affist.: Gr.: Sec.

LORENZO DE ZAVALA, Min.: of State ;

JOHN TELFAIR, Gr.: Keeper of the Seals ;

O. DE A. SANT ANGELO, Gr.: M.: of Cer.

J. MELANI SUSSARELLI, 33d, G.: C.: of G.

LUCAS UGARTE, 33d, Gr.: Standard Bearer.

During

During this year, (1832,) Ill. Bro. Le Blanc de Marconnay was received into the Supreme Council, was constituted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, and was subsequently acknowledged and received by the Grand Orient of France in Supreme Council of Rites, and became Orator of the Chamber of Council and of Appeals of that Exalted Body.

The officers of the Supreme Council at the close of this year were :

- M.: Ill.: Elias Hicks, M.: Pot.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: (*ad vitam.*)
 “ De St. Laurent, Marquis de Santa Rosa, M.: Pot.: S.: Aff.: Gr.:
 Com.: (*ad vitam.*)
 “ Jonathan Schieffelin, 1st Lieut.: Gr.: Com.
 “ Francis Dubuar, 2d Lieut.: Gr.: Com.
 “ Lorenzo de Zavala, Min.: of State of the H.: E.
 “ George Smith, 1st Gr.: Sec.: G.: for the English Language,
 and Chancellor of the H.: E.
 “ Mariano Velasquez de la Cadena, 2d Gr.: Sec.: G.: for the
 Spanish and Foreign Languages and Archivist ;
 “ Joseph Bouchaud, Gr.: Treas.: Gen.: of the H.: E.
 “ John Telfair, Gr.: Keeper of the Seals ;
 “ Orazio de Attelis, Marquis de Sant' Angelo, Gr.: Ex.: and Gr.:
 M.: of Cer.
 “ Juan Melani, Chevalier de Suffarelli, Gr.: Captain of the Guard ;
 “ Lucas Ugarte, Gr.: Standard Bearer.

Effective Members.—Ill.: Brothers Touissant Midy, Jacob Schieffelin, Oliver M. Lownds, Elisha W. King, Harman Westervelt, Aaron H. Palmer, James Herring, John S. Mitchell, Thomas Longworth, Aaron R. Thompson, Miguel Cabera de Navares, Joseph Michard, Alp. Delafschelle, J. R. Bailey.

During the year 1833, a proposition was made by some of the members of the pretended Supreme Council established by De la Motta, in May, 1814, and which had been in obscurity for many years, to be acknowledged by, and admitted into the Supreme Council ; but owing to their illegal and clandestine origin, the same was not favourably entertained, the Supreme Council, while sympathizing with the deception practised on them, declining to recognize their alleged Masonic *status*, except upon their fulfilling the well known requirements of Masonry.

On the 23d day of February, 1834, Ill. Brothers, the Count St. Laurent, and the Marquis de Lafayette, acting as representatives for the Supreme Grand Council, together with the representatives for the Supreme Councils of France and Brazil, formed a Treaty of Masonic Union, Alliance and Confederation, to which the Supreme Council of Belgium became a party on the 5th day of March, 1835. Previous, however, to the accession of the Supreme Council of Belgium, *i. e.*, on the 20th of May, 1834, one of the Representatives of this Supreme Council in the Convention at Paris, the Ill. Bro. the Marquis de Lafayette, breathed his last, mourned alike by the people and Fraternity of France, and of the United States, by both of whom his memory will ever be cherished for his many Masonic and civil virtues, and his devotion to the cause of Masonry and of civil and religious liberty.

The official notification of this sad event was communicated by his colleague, Ill. Bro. the Count St. Laurent, to the Supreme Council for the United States of America, &c., &c., in a circular, still carefully preserved in the Archives, of which the following is a literal translation :

To all True Scottish Masons.

On the 10th May, 1834, our illustrious and beloved Bro. General Lafayette, S. G. I. G. and Gr. Representative of the United Sup. Council of the Western Hemisphere near the Sup. Coun. of France, wrote the following at the bottom of the copy of his patent in the Golden Book (p. 80) of Bro. Count de St. Laurent, one of the principal dignitaries of the said Sup. Council :

“ It is to the extreme indulgence of the Sup. Council of the United States, that being exalted to the 33d degree, notwithstanding the superior knowledge and services of many of my brethren, I am to-day indebted for the eminent favours which the Grand Council of the Western Hemisphere has conferred upon me. I accept them with profound gratitude, and will endeavour to merit them by my zeal. May our ancient institution propagate and patronize liberty, equality, philanthropy, and contribute to the great movement of social civilization which must emancipate the two hemispheres.

LAFAYETTE.”

The 20th May, 1834, at half-past five o'clock in the forenoon, our beloved

loved Bro.: General Lafayette passed to immortality. Let us strive to imitate his virtues, and let us cherish his memory.

To the M.: Ill.: Bro.:

DE ST. LAURENT, [L. S.]

O. M. LOWNDS, 33d Deg.:
New York.

S.: G.: I.: G.: 33d Deg.

Paris, 21 May, 1834.

The Treaty of Union, Alliance and Confederation is as follows :

TREATY OF MASONIC UNION, ALLIANCE AND CONFEDERATION.

To the Glory,

In the Name and under the Protection of the

GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

ORDO AB CHAO.

THE GR.: AND SUP.: COUNCILS of the 33d and last Degree of
THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

hereafter named ;

To the Masonic Powers lawfully established and acknowledged ;

*To the True, Faithful, Reg. and Free Sc.-Mas., of all Degrees Anc.:
and Mod.:. ;*

*To the True Masons of all the Regular Rites spread over the surface of
the Globe.*

VIRTUE,

HEALTH,

TOLERANCE

FIRMNESS, CONCORD, PERSEVERANCE, POWER.

WE MAKE KNOWN, that upon the express and formal demand made by the M.: Ill.: and P.: Sov.: Grand Inspectors General of the Order, 33d and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Grand Representatives invested with Full Powers by the Sup.: Council, for the Empire of Brazil, of the P.: Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, Chiefs, Protectors and True Guardians of the Order, 33d and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, duly empowered at the Sup.: Council of France ; anxious that urgent measures may be taken by all the Dogmatic Powers of the Rite
duly

duly established and acknowledged, to put an end to the many abuses which have been introduced into the Order, and which threaten even the existence of the said Rite;

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED,

1st. M.-A.-N.-A.-R. de R. de Jachim de S-te.-Rose de ROUME DE SAINT LAURENT (M-is. of Saint Rose, Count of Saint Laurent), formerly Captain and Commodore of the Mexican Navy, &c., &c.;—P.: M.:—Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 33d Degree; M.: P.: Sov.: Assistant Grand Commander, *ad vitam*, of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere (legally and solemnly formed,—of the Old Supreme Councils of New Spain, of Terra Firma and South America, *from one sea to the other*, Canary Islands, &c., &c., and of the Old Supreme Council of the United States of North America), sitting at the E.: of New York;—Ordinary and Extraordinary Super-Grand Representative, Grand General and Special Deputy of this Masonic Power, to each and all the Masonic Powers *legally established* on the two Hemispheres, &c., &c.;

And GILBERT MOTTIE DE LAFAYETTE (M-is.), Lieutenant-General in the Service of France, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, &c., &c.; P.: M.:, S.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 33d Degree; Grand Honorary Dignitary and Grand Ordinary Representative of the same United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, to the Supreme Council of France;

Both possessing Full Powers and Credential Letters in due Forms.

2d. The Administrative Committee of the Supreme Council, for France, of the P.: Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, Chiefs, Protectors and true Guardians of the Order, 33d and last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; the same Committee having for President the M.: Ill.: Bro.: EMANUEL JOHN BAPTIST, BARON FRETEAU-DE-PENY, Councillor at the Court of Cassation, Member of the Legion of Honour, &c., &c., &c.; Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 33d Degree, and Lieutenant Grand Commander of this Supreme Council; the above Committee being legally authorized for the present purpose, in consequence of the decree of the 29th July, 1824, and by the special delegation of the M.: Ill.: and P.: Sov.: Grand Commander, *ad vitam*, Bro.: ANTOINE GABRIEL, Duke of CHOISEUL STAINVILLE, Peer of France, Lieutenant-General in the service of France, Aid-de-Camp to the King, Governor of the Louvre, Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, &c., &c.

3d. ANTONIO CARLOS RIBEIRO DE ANDRADA MACHADO-DA-SILVA, Brazilian Nobleman, Grand Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Southern Cross, Knight of the Order of Christ, formerly Councillor at the Royal Court of Bahia, ancient Deputy to the Constitutional Cortes of Portugal and to the Constituent Assembly of the Empire of Brazil; Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 33d Degree; Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Sup.: Council of Brazil, sitting at Rio de Janeiro;

And LUIZ DE MENEZES VASCONCELLOS DE DRUMMOND, Brazilian Nobleman, Knight of the Order of Christ, formerly director of the Customs at Rio de Janeiro; Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 33d Degree; Grand Treasurer of the H.: Em.:, for Brazil;

Both Grand Representatives possessing Full Powers from the said Sup.: Council, to the Sup.: Council of France.

ALL of us assisted by the M.: Ill.: Bro.: CHARLES NICOLAS JUBE, retired Major-General, Officer of the Legion of Honour, &c., P.: M.: Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.:, 33d Degree; Member of the Sup.: Council of France, Grand Secretary and Chief of the Office of the Secretary General of the Rite, taking part in these deliberations by our unanimous consent, as Grand Secretary General of the Rite, *pro tempore*.

In the Names of our Respective Masonic Powers, above mentioned:

We assembled beneath the Celestial Ar.: and Zen.: of the Cent.: and Vert.: Point, corresponding with the $48^{\circ} 50' 14''$ N.: alt.:, by -o- deg.: of Long.: from the mer.: of Paris, at the E.: of the World, in a place well illuminated, very strong and very holy, near the B.: B.:, this 15th day of the moon of *Adar*, 12th month, under the sign of the Fishes, A.: L.:, 5833, and of the Christian Era, the 23d February, 1834.

Having mutually communicated and duly examined our respective Powers, found them satisfactory, and having duly exchanged them,

We Formed and Constituted ourselves into a Masonic Congress;

And considering that it is necessary for the support, durability and dignity of the MASONIC ORDER, and of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, to oppose powerfully the abuses which have crept into the Order, and to re-establish it in its primitive purity;

Taking for the base of our deliberations and resolutions, the following
thirteen

thirteen principal Points, of the ancient and imprescriptible Doctrines of the Order, and principally the Scottish Masonry, viz :

1st. Free Masonry is a UNIVERSAL WORSHIP, having for its objects, GOD and VIRTUE, and which is divided into different known and approved Rites.

Originating from one common source, those Rites, although differing in form, nevertheless tend to the same end ;

—The Adoration of the Great Architect. of the Un. ., Philosophy, Morality and Benevolence towards all men ;—this is what every True Mason ought incessantly to study and endeavour to practise.

This Worship is essentially tolerant, and every Mason is at liberty to choose the Rite he may wish to profess.

2d. All True Masons, of whatever Country or Rites they may be, form but one family of brothers spread over the surface of the globe.

They form an Order which has its peculiar Dogmas, and which is governed by General Laws and Fundamental Statutes ;

And whatever may be the Rite they profess, Masons are, nevertheless, obliged to respect and observe those Laws and Statutes.

3d. The diversity of Rites necessarily causes the diversity of Powers which govern them ; for *each Rite is independent of all the others.*

4th. To attempt to encroach upon the independence of a Rite, is to attack the independence of all the other Rites ; *schism is thereby introduced*, and the whole Order disturbed.

5th. An Act emanating from the Dogmatic or Administrative Power of a Rite can only operate upon Masons of that same Rite, who are subject to the jurisdiction of that Power. It has no authority whatever over them, but inasmuch as it is strictly conformable to the Fundamental Laws of the Order, and it can prescribe nothing whatever that is in opposition with those laws.

6th. Faithful and devoted above all things to his Country, and obedient to the laws and institutions by which it is governed, the True Mason enumerates among his most sacred obligations, the exact fulfillment of the oaths which bind him to his Rite, to the Lodge where he received the Light, and to the Masonic Power whence he derived his privileges.

He can only be exonerated from his obligations by that Power with whom he contracted them and in conformity with the Masonic Laws, which he has sworn to observe and respect, WITHOUT WHICH LAWS NO MASONRY COULD EXIST.

7th. Every attempt which may be made to compel a Mason, either by persecution or violence, to quit the Rite to which he belongs, is contrary to the spirit and General Laws of Masonry.

8th. Each Masonic Power governs by its General Statutes all Lodges or Masonic Societies of its own Rite, whether located within the limits of its territorial Jurisdiction, or established by it, or with its consent, in those countries where no other Regular Power of the same Rite already exist.

9th. The Power that governs a Rite in a territorial Jurisdiction, lawfully acknowledged, is sovereign and independent throughout the whole extent of such territorial Jurisdiction,—but is nevertheless subject to the General Laws of Masonry and to the Fundamental Statutes of its particular Rite.

10th. All Masonic Powers, whatever their Rites may be, are subject to the General Laws of the Order; they may be considered as *rays* that verge towards a common centre, by the unity of sentiments and principles.

11th. The object for which Lodges were established, is to compass the ends the Order aims at. That of a Dogmatic Power consists in teaching them the Doctrine, and directing their actions by the purity of the Dogma, and by the observation of the Fundamental Statutes and Institutions of the Order.

It infuses this object to the Lodges under its jurisdiction; by a Lawful Constitution, by regulating their labours, and by maintaining among these Lodges, and the Masons composing them, harmony, good morals and union.

12th. Every Masonic Power regularly and lawfully constituted,—duly acknowledged,—and invested with the full dogmatic authority of a Rite, over a particular territory, possesses incontestably and exclusively the right to constitute and govern the Lodges of that same Rite throughout the whole of its dominions;

But this right never can authorize the said Power to exclude, forbid or hinder a Power of another Rite, even though of a foreign country, from granting to such Masons as may solicit the same in the regular form, the necessary Charters for the legal establishment of Lodges and Chapters, or even a Power itself, of that other Rite, within the limits of the same territory.

13th. And in particular as regards the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, professed by the Contracting Powers—

They Acknowledge and Declare:

—That there can exist but one sole Dogmatic Power, or Supreme Council of

cil of the 33d Degree of that Rite within the same territorial Jurisdiction; that is to say, throughout the territorial extent of an Independent State and its dependencies,—wherever there does not exist boundaries legally established of such a territorial Jurisdiction.

—That, such Power, established for a particular territorial Jurisdiction, becomes a competent judge in all questions of honour (*point-d'honneur*) among Masons that owe it obedience.

—That, no Masonic Power of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, nor any subordinate branch thereof, can, under any pretence whatsoever, become joined to, or embodied with another Power or Association of a different Rite; nor can it legally become, under any title whatsoever, a Section or a dependency of that other Power or Association.

—That, such a step—which would deprive the guilty Power of its independence, its authority, and its very existence,—would also be a violation of the general Spirit of Masonry and the independence of the Rite;—That it would tend to throw the entire Order into confusion, and consequently, all Masons ought to be most carefully cautioned against every attempt or suggestion that might be made, and that might lead them to so fatal a result.

ACCORDING TO THESE PRINCIPLES, and wishing to insure the regeneration of our Rite

To Maintain its unity;

Guarantee its independence;

And Restore its ancient discipline;

Desirous above all things, to destroy radically all abuses which may have crept in,—and which arise chiefly:

—From *Neglect* of the respect and observation, either of the primitive Laws of the Order and of its Fundamental Statutes, or of the private Statutes and Regulations emanating from each Masonic Power;

—From the *criminal Facility*, and perhaps from the *shameful Speculation*, which too often cause the admission of *Candidates* and bestowing of degrees;

—From the *careless indifference* with which *Diplomas, Briefs, Patents, &c., &c.*, supposed to have been given in *foreign countries*, are examined and verified;

Convinced that Union between all the Chief Powers of the Rite,—by keeping up among themselves a more fraternal intimacy,—by multiplying and

and facilitating the means of a reciprocal and mutual correspondence, and by being as firmly united as possible in the efforts which each of them intends to make, with the view of restoring to the Rite its ancient splendour;

WE, SOV.: GRAND INS.: GEN.:

CH.:, PR.: AND TRUE GUARD.: OF THE ORDER, 33d AND LAST DEGREE OF
THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE,

Already Named and Qualified; in the Names of

OUR RESPECTIVE SUPREME COUNCILS;

AND IN VIRTUE OF THEIR FULL POWERS,

We have Stipulated and Determined, and we do hereby Stipulate and Determine the following Treaty:

ARTICLE I.

Now and for ever, there is an intimate and indissoluble union between all the Supreme Councils of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, now regularly constituted for the United (and other) States of South and North Americas, France, and the Empire of Brazil, their territories, dependencies and jurisdictions—such as they are established by the Deeds given at their first assembly and acknowledgment dated, viz:

For the United States of America, New Spain, South America, (formerly Spanish dominions,) &c., &c., the 13th day of the second month 5832;

For France, the 21st September, 1762, and the decrees of 1804, 1806, and 7th of May, 1821;

And lastly,* for the Empire of Brazil, under date of the 12th day of the 8th month, 5832, (12th November, 1832.)

All which are acknowledged and designed under the following titles:

UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, sitting at the Ea.: of New York;

SUPREME COUNCIL OF FRANCE, sitting at the Ea.: of Paris;

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE EMPIRE OF BRAZIL, sitting at the Ea.: of Rio de Janeiro.

* The Supreme Council sitting at Brussels, which, owing to a fortuitous circumstance, had not been represented at the Congress, has since acceded to this Treaty, and joined the Confederation.

The above named Powers do hereby confederate and reciprocally bind themselves toward each other.

This Confederation, Union and Bound have for object, and they promise mutually :

1st. To work in perfect union, and without remission, so as to arrive at the only *object* of the Order,—which is eminently philosophical, moral and philanthropic.

2d. To maintain its Dogmas, Principles and Doctrines in all their purity, to propagate them, defend and respect them, and cause them to be respected at all times and in all places ;

3d. To maintain, observe, respect, defend and enforce the obedience and respect in the same manner, the General and Fundamental Institutions, Constitutions, Laws, Statutes and Regulations of the Order, and particularly those of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

4th. To maintain and defend with all their energy ; to guard and respect, and to enforce the observance and respect for the rights, privileges and independence of the Rite, and the integrity of their respective territorial Jurisdictions ; to guard them from all usurpation, and on every occasion to reclaim against any which may have been made.

5th. To act with perseverance, and with all their influence, against the Indifference, Egotism, Inconstancy, the mania of imprudent innovations and Licence,—real tomb of liberty, true source of discord, hatred and anti-Masonic anarchy.

6th. To re-establish the ancient discipline of the Order ; to maintain, strengthen and observe it, and cause it to be observed and respected, under all circumstances.

7th. Lastly, to protect, and cause to be respected, the True Masons of every Rite, but particularly the True and Faithful Scottish Masons, of their respective Obediences, in all places where they may extend their influence.

For this purpose, the Confederated Powers solemnly bind themselves to a mutual, constant, persevering, and firm pact of reciprocal aid in all occasions.

ARTICLE II.

The intimate Alliance and Confederation of the Contracting Powers, necessarily extends, under their auspices, to the Masonic Associations and
Lodges,

Lodges, and to all True Masons submissive to their respective Obediences and Jurisdictions.

Consequently there cannot be formed between these different Associations or Lodges, any sort of *particular Affiliation* or *Confederation*, under pain of irregularity and nullity, independent of other punishments which may be applied to the offenders, according to the Laws of the Order.

ARTICLE III.

The Confederated Powers, ACKNOWLEDGE and hereby PROCLAIM anew, as GRAND CONSTITUTIONS of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the Constitutions, Institutes, Statutes and General Regulations determined upon by the nine Commissioners of the Sub.: P.: of the R.: Sec.: on the 21st September, 1762; as they are now modified by those dated 1st May, 1786, —which they also ACKNOWLEDGE, PROCLAIM and promise to respect, observe and defend, under the positive reservation,—to examine, rectify and curtail the alterations and additions which have been made to the same, and which pervert their original dispositions.

For this purpose, an authentic Copy of the said Grand Constitutions of 1786, certified and signed by all the Members of the present Congress, shall be annexed to each original duplicate of the present Treaty.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Act or Convention already made, or which may be made by any regular Masonic Power whatever,—which are or may be contrary to the principle of the Independence of the Rites, and to the dispositions of the Art. V. of the Grand Constitutions of 1786, are declared null and of no effect.

ARTICLE V.

The Confederated Powers, faithful to the Fundamental Doctrines of the Order, and wishing to unite constantly that of the Masonic tolerance with that of the absolute Independence of the Rites, shall acknowledge and receive, as True and Legitimate Masons in their respective Rites and degrees, all those who shall prove their qualities by authentic and regular Titles or Patents, delivered by a Power legally established and duly acknowledged, as possessing the right to grant such Certificates, Titles or Patents, for the degrees of these Rites.

As a consequence of the same principles; They declare,—that upon no occasion or under any pretext whatever, will they acknowledge, as Legitimate Masons of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, any but those who may have been regularly received, and provided with degrees of this Rite, either by one of the Contracting Powers, or by a Lodge under their respective control, or by any other Power of the same Rite, legally established and duly acknowledged as such by the Confederation.

Every Scottish Mason, who, after having been duly received in a Regular Lodge of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, may have forfeited his oath, deserted the Standard of the Rite, or may have been guilty of any other irregularity, shall be deprived of the benefit of this disposition, and pointed out as irregular.

ARTICLE VI.

With the intention to cause the inspection which they engage to observe, to be more permanent, active and efficacious, in that intent, the Confederated Powers, and the Corporations under their Obedience will never acknowledge as Regular Masonic Titles, those proceeding from Masonic Bodies or Lodges not under their respective Jurisdictions, excepting such as should have been duly *verified*, and stamped by the Grand Secretary General of the Power from which they emanate, as also by the different Representatives legally authorized, and residing in the district thereof.

However, all Authentic Titles proceeding from a Regular Association of the Rite, established far from the seat of the Power upon which it depends, shall be received as valid and regular, if they have been *verified* and signed by the Delegates or Deputies of the said Power, established by it, in the said distant place, and who have continued faithful to their mandate, agreeably to Article XVI. of the General Regulations of 1762.

ARTICLE VII.

In order to maintain and strengthen the discipline of the Rite, and to fulfil the true intent of Article V. of the same General Regulations, it is expressly agreed upon, between the Confederated Powers, that any measures or definite condemnation which may be awarded, by any of them against a Mason, a Lodge, or any Masonic Association whatever under their control, shall be deemed as the act and deed of the whole Confederation, shall be immediately transmitted to each of the other Powers, and receive

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its full and entire execution throughout the whole extent of their respective Jurisdictions.

A Scottish Mason who may unfortunately fall under a sentence of discipline, cannot elude its consequences by presenting himself as a Mason of *another Rite*, even though he may have regularly practised the said Rite, before the sentence which punishes him has been pronounced.

He shall be struck out of the *Lists* of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for ever,—if he should have become initiated into another Rite, with the intention of eluding his sentence, while judgment was pending, or after it has been pronounced.

ARTICLE VIII.

All correspondence, all brotherly communications shall cease to exist between the Confederated Powers, the Masonic Associations under their control, and the Lodges, Associations, and Powers, of the foreign Obedience, who, in the case above mentioned, may connive at such acts of insubordination and disobedience.

ARTICLE IX.

In the same view, and for the purpose of always preserving Union, Concord and Regularity among the Masons and in the different Corporations under their respective Obediences,—the Confederated Powers bind themselves to exercise among them, and in their different Lodges, a mutual, permanent, active and tutelar inspection, as much in the choice of Candidates for Initiation, as in the promotions and granting of degrees, delivery of Briefs, Diplomas and Powers, and finally on every thing which may concern their composition, labours, direction, and all the different parts of their administration.

ARTICLE X.

From the date of the present Treaty, there shall be an active and intimate correspondence between all the Confederated Supreme Councils. All communications made to one, shall be immediately dispatched to the others.

They shall inform each other, every six months, of any thing interesting to the Order in general, which may come to their knowledge, or may take place in their respective Jurisdictions; but particularly as relates to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, they shall point out every thing which may call for new measures of preservation, discipline or general safety.

They shall remit to each other, once a year, an Official List of all the

30th, 31st, 32d and 33d forming their personal composition, both active and honorary.

ARTICLE XI.

Every Confederated Sup. : Councils, shall, at all times, be represented at each others by Sov. : Gr. : Inf. : Gen. :, 33d degree of the Rite, appointed by them, and who shall be invested with the most extensive powers.

These Grand Representatives can assist at all the labours of the sublime degrees of the Rite, even those of the Sup. : Council itself. They shall be summoned to all these labours, and take part in all consultations.

They have the privilege of protesting, in the names of their respective Powers, against any deliberation that may tend to injure the general interests of the Order, or those interests which they represent in particular.

In such cases, and at their express demand, their Protest shall be inserted in the Minutes of the sitting whereat they protested, and a memorandum (*act*) to that effect shall be delivered to them without delay. They are required to make an official communication of the same to every Member of the Confederation.

And, in case the Sup. : Council at which they are appointed Representatives, shall adopt a Resolution in their absence, they shall likewise have the right of protesting against that Resolution. Consequently, they shall always be at liberty to inspect the Registers of the Grand Secretary, who is bound to comply at once with their request, and to communicate to them the Registers, *on the spot*,—also, to receive all Protests which they may deem fit to make, and deliver a memorandum (*act*) of the same.

Immediately after the verification of their Credentials (*Powers*), they shall be acknowledged, solemnly proclaimed, and exercise all their rights and privileges throughout the whole extent of the Jurisdiction in which they shall reside. They shall stand next in rank to the Sov. : Gr. : Inf. : Gen. :, 33d degree, Active Members of the Sup. : Councils to whom they shall be accredited.

Among themselves, the precedence shall be determined according to the date of their admissions as Grand Representatives at those Councils.

ARTICLE XII.

Every five years, on the anniversary day of the signing of this Treaty, the Confederated Sup. : Councils shall assemble in an Ordinary Congress, in the

in the persons of their Representatives to the Sup.^r. Council of France to inform themselves of the general affairs of the Order;—to deliberate, and determine in common upon whatever measures which may be viewed by them as necessary for the interests of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. They shall, for this purpose, receive special Orders and Powers from their Constituents.

The Supreme Council of France will appoint at the same time a Delegate, invested with similar powers, to be its Representative at the Congress.

A number exceeding more than the half of the Representatives being present at Paris, on the anniversary day above stated, and during the thirty-three subsequent days, shall be legally sufficient to constitute the Congress.

ARTICLE XIII.

Whenever the Grand Representatives established near any of the Confederated Powers, by the others, acknowledge the necessity of assembling an Extraordinary Congress, and this Power partakes of the same opinion—a deliberation is to take place accordingly;—the motives must be thereon briefly, but clearly explained;—in case of unanimity, a declaration of urgency is to be issued, in the Minute (*Verbal Process*) of the deliberation, and signed *manu propria*, by all the Members present, sent without delay to all the Members of the Confederation, with appointment of the day when the Congress is to meet, and requesting them at the same time to get themselves represented thereto, by Grand Inspectors General, delegate *ad hoc*, and furnished with full, absolute, and *special Powers*.

ARTICLE XIV.

These species of Congress are bound to assemble on the day appointed for their opening.

They are qualified to deliberate only upon the special object for which they are assembled;—all other matters foreign thereto shall be declared null and of no effect.

They shall separate immediately after the special object for which they were assembled shall have been fulfilled.

And in no case, can a Congress, either Ordinary or Extraordinary, continue open for more than *thirty-three* days.

ARTICLE XV.

The rights are expressly reserved, of all the Grand and Sup. Councils of the 33d and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, *legally established and duly acknowledged, to this moment by one of the Members of the Confederation*, though compelled by temporary circumstances to remain inactive;—They are hereby and brotherly requested to accede to the present Treaty, and to enter into our Holy Confederation so soon as they may begin anew their labours.

All those existing now without our acknowledgment, and those who may in future be established, *according to the Laws of the Order*, may be received on their justifying the legality of their formation, and the *General List* of their members.

The Confederation will be the judge of the case: Well grounded opposition of one of its Members will be sufficient to prevent the acknowledgment, and determine the rejection of the demand.

ARTICLE XVI.

The Confederated Powers call the protection of the Gr. Arch. of the Un. upon their undertaking,—SOLE AND SOVEREIGN MASTER OF ALL THINGS.

They commit the present Treaty to the safe-guard of the True and Faithful Scottish Masons, spread over the two Hemispheres.

They command the Lodges, Masons, and Masonic Bodies, under their respective Jurisdictions, to consider the present Treaty as a General Law of the Order,—to respect it, and to obey its dispositions; they forbid them to make in it the smallest alteration, under the risk of being declared unworthy of the title of Mason, and of being struck out for ever from the *Lists*, and expelled from every assembly of the Order.

ARTICLE XVII.

The present Treaty, made out in four Originals, and written in the four languages of England, Spain, France and Portugal, duly signed and sealed with our respective seals, shall be submitted to the ratification of each of the Confederated Powers as speedily as possible.

The Ratifications thereof shall be exchanged between their respective
Grand

Grand Representatives at the Sup.: Council of France, in the Office of the Secretary General (*pro tem.*) of the Rite, at the E.: of Paris, viz :

For the United Sup.: Council of the Western Hem.:, in nine months.

For the Supreme Council of France, in nine days from this date.

And for the Supreme Council of Brazil, in thirteen months.

Made, Stipulated and concluded between us, above qualified and under-
signed.

At the place afore mentioned, the day, month and year, *ut supra*.

Deus Meumque Jus.

CT DE ST. LAURENT, S.: G.: I.: G.:, 33d, &c. ;

LAFAYETTE, 33d ; [L.:S.]

BON FRETEAU-DE-PENY, 33d ;

SETIER, 33d ;

CTE THIEBAULT, 33d ;

MIS. DE GIAMBONI, 33d ;

A. C. R. D'ANDRADA, 33d ;

LUIZ DE MENES. VASCOS. DE DRUMMOND, 33d ;

BY ORDER OF THE CONGRESS :

The G.-Sy.-G-l. of the Rite, pro tempore.

CHARLES JUBE, 33d ; S.: G.: I.: G. [L. s.]

On the 6th day of December, 1836, the Treaty of "Triple Alliance" was ratified by the Supreme Council, and, as will be seen by the following extract from the Archives :

Ratification by the

MOST POT.: SOV.: GRAND COMMANDER,

AND BY

*The United-Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere of the Pot.:
Sov.: Grand Inspectors General 33d Degree, &c., &c.*

TO THE GLORY OF THE GREAT ARCH.: OF THE UNI.:

ORDO AB CHAO.

WE, Elias Hicks, P.: M.: ex-G.: S.: of the R.: W.: G.: L.: of the State of New York, ex-G.: H.: P.: of the Washington Ch.: of R.: A.:
M.:

M.: ex-M.: Pot.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: of the ex-Supreme Council of the United States of North America, Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: 33d Degree, M.: Pt.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander *ad vitam* of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, &c., &c., &c.

In Supreme Grand Council, duly and regularly assembled.

Having seen and carefully examined the Treaty of Union and Confederation concluded at Paris on the 23d day of February, 1834, between the official Representatives of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere and the Commissioners Plenipotentiaries of the Supreme Council of France, and Supreme Council for the Empire of Brazil; and to which Treaty the Supreme Council sitting at Brussels by its Act of Adhesion and Ratification passed on the 5th day of March, 1835, became a party:

Do, by these presents, Approve and Ratify the said Treaty of Union in all and every, its several provisions and stipulations, pledging our Masonic Honour, faithfully and rigidly to observe and respect the same, and to cause the same to be respected and observed by all the means within our power. To this end, therefore, and the better to insure its more certain and effectual attainment, We do order and direct all the Lodges, Chapters, Colleges, Areopagus, Grand Councils and Consistories within our jurisdiction and under our control, to cause the said Treaty upon their receiving an official communication of this our Ratification, to be forthwith entered at large in their respective books of minutes.

And We hereby invite all our very Ill.: Bros.: Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: to furnish their aid in causing the said Treaty to be carried into full and perfect effect, and do enjoin all the Sublimes and valiant Princes of the Royal Secret, Gr.: Inspectors Judges Commanders and Knights Gd.: Elect K-d-sh, to observe and respect the same, without subterfuge, evasion or alteration.

In faith whereof, We and our very Ill.: Brethren Sov.: Gr.: Inspectors General, members of our United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, have signed these presents, and have caused the Grand Seal of the Order and of the United Supreme Council, to be thereunto affixed.

DONE in Supreme Council, at the City of New York, in the United States of America, on the sixth day of the tenth month, Chislew 26th, A.: L.: 5836, and of the Christian era the sixth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

Deus

Deus Meumque Jus.

E. HICKS, 33d, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.
 JN. SCHIEFFELIN, 33d, 1st Lieut.: Gr.: Com.
 FRANCIS DUBUAR, 33d, 2d Lieut.: Gr.: Com.
 DE LA FLECHELLE, 33d ;
 JOS. BOUCHAUD, 33d ;
 THOS. LONGWORTH, 33d ;
 JOHN B. SATTERTHWAITE, 33d ;
 P. REMY, 33d ;
 AARON H. PALMER, 33d ;
 SETH DRIGGS, G.: I.: G.: 33d Degree ;
 HN. WESTERVELT, 33d ;
 I. DA ROCHA GALVAO, 33d ;
 JAMES HERRING, 33d ;
 JOS. MICHARD, 33d ;
 W. WRIGHT HAWKES, 33d ;
 T. W. SATTERTHWAITE, 33d ;
 G. DE LOYNES, 33d ;

Sealed by me, Grand Keeper of the Seals,

JOHN TELFAIR, 33d, [L. s.]

By order

DD. NAAR, 33d, [L. s.]

Acting Sec.: Gen.

During the years 1837 and 1838, there was no change in the officers of the Supreme Council.

In November, 1839, T.: M.: Ill.: Bro.: Elias Hicks, M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: received from the Supreme Council for the Empire of Brazil the following communication, inviting this Supreme Council to open a continuous correspondence with it "by means of which they may keep one another mutually informed of the requirements, and of the prosperity of the Order to which they belong." The communication was laid before the Supreme Council by the M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.: and the Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: of the H.: E.: directed to acknowledge the receipt of the same, and to pledge the faith of this Supreme Council to a compliance with the request.

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The meeting of the Supreme Council at which this communication was read, was attended by the Sov.: Gr.: Com.:., Ill. . Bros.: Joseph Bouchaud, Francis Dubuar, and four others, including the Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: of the H.: E.:

The document, which is in French and Portuguese, as translated, reads as follows :

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY AND GR.: ARCH.:
OF THE UNIVERSE.

ORDO AB CHAO.

To our M.: Ill.: and M. R R.: Brn.: Grand Dignitaries and Grand Officers who compose the Gr.: Or.: of the U. S. of America, S. S. P.

The M.: P.: Sup.: Council of PPP.: SSS.: GGG.: III.: GGG.: 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Empire of Brazil, to wit :

The Count de Lages, Sov.: Gr.: Com.:., Minister and Secretary of State in the War Department and in the Council of State, Lieutenant-General, Senator and Noble of the Empire ; Honorio Hermeto Carneiro Leao, Deputy to the General Legislative Assembly, Grand Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice, Lieut.: Gr.: Com.: ; Antonio Pereira Barreto Pedrozo, Gr.: Treaf.: of the H.: E.:., Knight of the Order of Christ, Grand Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice, Deputy to the General Legislative Assembly and to the Provincial Assembly of Rio de Janeiro ; Joao da Costa de Britto Sanches, Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: of the H.: E.:., Chevalier of the Imperial Household, of the Council of H.: I.: M.:., Commander of Santa Maria d'Alagoa, of the Order of Christ, and Marshal of the Camp ; Joao Huet de Bacellar Pinto Guedes, Chevalier of the Imperial Household, Colonel of Marine Artillery, Knight of the Order of SS. Bento and d'Aviz, and of the Imperial Order of Cruzeiro, Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: Adjunct of the H.: E.:., Chief of the Gr.: Secretariat of the Ill.: Central Gr.: Lodge ; Thomas José Tinoco d'Almeida, Knight of the Order of Christ, Under-Secretary of State of the Minister of Justice ; Gustavo Adolpho de Aguillar Pantoja, Grand Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice, Knight of the Orders of Christ and Cruzeiro, Min.: of State of the H.: E.: ; Manoel Antonio Alves d'Azevedo, Grand Captain of the Guards, and large landed proprietor ; Joaquim Antonio César d'Andrade,
Gr.:

Gr.: M.: of Cer.:, large landed proprietor and Colonel of the Legion of the National Guard ; Albino Gomes Guerra d'Aguiar, Knight of the Imperial Household, Grand Officer of the Wardrobes of H. M. the Emperor, Commander of the Order of Christ, Officer of the Imperial Order of Cruzeiro, Marshal of the Camp, and Commissary General of the Armies ; Thomaz José Pinto Serqueira, Bachelor of Canonical Law, of Civil Law, Doctor of Judiciary Sciences, Grand Judge Honorary of the Supreme Court, ex-Professor of the Chair of Ecclesiastical Law, and ex-Substitute Extraordinary of Natural and Civil Jurisprudence, and of Judiciary Practice, Attorney at the Supreme Court of Justice of the capital and province of Rio de Janeiro ; Joao Carneiro de Campas, of the Council of H.: I.: M.:, Commander of the Order of Christ, under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Justice ; Doctor Lourenço Caetano Pinto, Chevalier of the Imperial Household, Knight of the Order of Christ, and Judge of the 3d Civil Vara ; Doctor Joaquim Candido Soares de Meirelles, Physician and Surgeon of the Faculty of Paris, Titulary Member and President of the Imperial Academy of Medicine, Corresponding Member of the Medico-Chirurgical Academy of Naples, of the Philomatic Society of Paris, of the Society of Medicine of Louvain, of those of Medical Sciences of Lisbon, Professor of Anatomy and Physiology of the Academy of Fine Arts of Rio de Janeiro ; Joao Baptista de Castro, Member of the Supplementary List, Proprietor and Major of the Second Line of Infantry.

Being convinced that one of the most material causes of the importance of the Sublime Order, to which we have the pleasure of belonging, is that spirit of true fraternity, which extending over all Masons, induces them to aid and assist each other, in whatever part of the globe they may meet, regardless of whatever motives may cause them to differ in opinions or sentiments, for thus it is ordained by our laws. The practice of these laws by those who are inspired with true Masonic ardour, incontestably demonstrates that the views of the founders of this so venerable institution, were not mere vain utopias never to be realized.

It is to obtain this grand result that Masonry is one and the same over the whole universe, in no point diverging from its mysterious dogmas, having the same signs, same tokens, and same words, in every region of the earth which the True Light has reached, and where are inaugurated temples to T. G. A. O. T. U.

Masonry is known in Brazil; the Gr.: Jehovah has there true adorers, who the better to attain their object, have never ceased to unite themselves in bodies, to elevate altars and to establish a centre, conformably to the Gr.: Const.: Stat.: and Gen.: Reg.: of the Order, given to this Rite by the immortal Frederic, in 5786. The circle which constitutes this centre, is at this day strong in the number of ☉, in the number of Brethren and in their qualities. Numbers of the first classes among the profane, are to be found in these ☉, and the virtues of the true children of Heredom adorn the hearts of all.

The M.: P.: Sup.: Coun.: which directs this circle in the Valley of the Hospital at the O.: of Rio de Janeiro, elegantly constituted, desiring to facilitate all the means which can conduce, that not only this circle, but all the circles of Masons legally constituted, may attain the majestic aim, the object of their efforts, has resolved to address to the M.: W.: Gr.: Or.: of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA to invite it to open a continuous correspondence with it, by means of which they may keep one another mutually informed of the requirements and of the prosperity of the Order to which they belong.

The M.: P.: Sup.: Coun.: of Rio de Janeiro does not offer its friendship and its services to the M.: W.: Gr.: Or.: of the United States, because such offers would lead to the supposition that it is ignorant of the duties of the true adorers of G.: A.: O.: T.: U., but it hastens to assure it, that it is animated by sentiment of the most perfect esteem for the merits, the lights, and the virtues of such Ill.: and such Ref.: Brn.:, and that it will rejoice on every occasion that it receives intelligence of their prosperity and that it can find occasion to satisfy any of their desires.

That the G.: A.: O.: T.: U.: may spread happiness and prosperity over the M.: W.: Gr.: Or.: of the United States of America is the cordial wish of the undersigned brethren, Gr.: Dign.: and Gr.: Off.: and and other members of the M.: P.: Sup.: Coun.: of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Empire of Brazil.

Given in Sup.: Coun.: the 14th day of the 8th month of the year of T.: L.:, 5839, under the C.: V.: corresponding to the Zenith 23d S.: L.:

(Signed,)

CONDE DE LAGES, 33d, Sov.: Gr.: Com.;

GUSTAVO ADOLPHO D'AGUILAR PANTOJA, 33d, M.: State of the H.: E.

ANTONIO PEREIRA BARETO PEDROZO, 33d, Gr.: Tr.: of the H.: E.:

THOMAZ

THOMAZ JOSÉ TINOCO D'ALMEDA, 33d;
 ALBINO GOMEZ GUERRA D' AGNIAR, 33d;
 DR. THOMAZ JOZÉ PINTO SERQUIERA, 33d;
 JOAO CARNEIRO DE CAMPOS, 33d;
 DR. JOAQUIM CANDIDO SOARES DE MEIRELLES, 33d;
 HONORIO HERMETO CARNEIRO LEAO, 33d, L.: T.: G.: Com.
 MANOEL ANTONIO ALVES DE AZEVEDO, 33d, C.: of the G.
 JOAO HUET DE BACELLAR PINTO GUEDES, 33d.

Signed, stamped and sealed by us, Gr.: Sec.: adjunct of the H.: E.: and Chan.: G.: S.

JOAO HUET DE BACELLAR. [L. s.]

In May, 1840, the regular meeting of the Supreme Council was fully attended, no business of importance was transacted, and the officers retained their respective positions. Indeed, from this date until the 16th of April, 1844, though the regular sessions of the Supreme Council were held, the transactions were merely routine. On the latter day, however, it pleased the Supreme and Sovereign Grand Master of the Supreme Grand Council on High, to remove to his sanctuary our Ill.: and M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander, Elias Hicks, who from the time of the death of the Ill.: and lamented De Witt Clinton, in 1828, till the period of his own demise, ably and honourably presided over the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the United States of America, its territories and dependencies.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council held immediately on the decease of Ill.: Bro.: Hicks, the Ill.: and M.: P.: Past Sov.: Gr.: Commander, John W. Mulligan, succeeded to the vacancy as Sov.: Gr.: Commander; Ill.: Bro.: H. C. Atwood became Lieut.: Gr.: Commander; and there were also some changes in the minor offices in the Supreme Council.

During the year 1845, T.: M.: Ill.: Bro.: John W. Mulligan, Sov.: Gr.: Commander, received from the President of the United States, the honourable appointment of Consul General to Greece, for which country he departed Oct. 4th, 1845, and from that period until June, 1851, Ill.: Bro.: Henry C. Atwood presided over the deliberations of the Sup.: Coun.:

On the 24th July, 1846, Ill.: Bro.: Henry Marsh, S.: G.: I.: G.: died, and the vacancy in the Supreme Council thus created, was filled by Ill.: Bro.: Wm. F. Piatt, M. D.

On the 27th October, of this year, an effort was again made by some of the members of the Supreme Council to issue Warrants for the formation of Symbolic Lodges, in violation of the well settled policy, which had previously governed the action of the Body. The right to do so, was founded on the Treaty of Union and Amalgamation of 1832, by which the distinctive title of the Supreme Council was changed, and it became the "United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere," as previously stated.

The great majority of the Supreme Council dissenting from the proposition, it was determined definitely to settle the question by abrogating and annulling the Treaty aforesaid; and it was accordingly abrogated and annulled, and from that date to the present, the Supreme Council, having resumed its previous distinctive title, has been known as the "Supreme Council for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies."

From October, 1846 until 1850, the meetings of the Supreme Council were annual, and in the latter year, Ill. Bro. Daniel Sickels, became Gr. Sec. Gen. of the H. E., and Ill. Bro. Edmund B. Hays, Grand Minister of State.

In May, 1851, Ill. Bro. Jeremy L. Cross, S. G. I. G., 33d, to which grade he was exalted by the body calling itself the Supreme Council at Charleston, presented his letters patent from the same, and requested affiliation with this Supreme Council. The patent is as follows:

*Univerſi Terrarum Orbis Architectonis.
Per Gloriam Ingentis.*

ORDO AB CHAO.

From the Grand East of the Supreme Council of the Most Puissant Sov. Gr. Inf. Gen. of the 33d Degree, under the Celestial Canopy of the Zenith, answering to the 22d degree and 45 m. N. Latitude.

To our Ill., most Valiant and Sub. Princes of the Royal Secret, Knights K—H, Ill. Princes and Knights, Grand and Ineffable Free Masons of all Degrees, Ancient and Modern, on the surface of the two Hemispheres.

To all those to whom these Letters of Credence shall come:

HEALTH, STABILITY AND POWER.

Know ye, that we, the undersigned Sov. Gr. Inf. Gen., duly and lawfully established and congregated in Supreme Council of the 33d Degree, have duly and carefully examined our Ill. Bro. Jeremy L. Cross in
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the several degrees which he has lawfully received, and, at his special request, We do hereby certify, acknowledge and proclaim our Ill.: Bro.: Jeremy L. Crofs General Grand Lecturer of the Gen.: Grand Chapter of the U. S. A., resident in the City of New Haven and State of Connecticut, to be an expert Master Mason and Past Master of a Symbolic Lodge, and also a Secret Master, Perfect Master, Intimate Secretary, Provost and Judge, Intendant of the Buildings, Elect of Nine, Ill.: Elected of Fifteen, Sublime Knight Elect, Grand Master Architect, Knight of the Royal Arch, Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Master. We do also certify him to be a Knight of the East or Sword and Prince of Jerufalem, Knight of the East and West, Sov.: Prince of the Rose Croix de Heredom, Grand Pontiff, Master, *ad vitam*, Prussian Knight, Prince of Lebanon, Chief of the Tabernacle, Prince of Mercy, Knight of the Brazen Serpent, Commander of the Temple, Knight of the Sun, K—H, Knight of St. Andrew, Grand Inquisitor Commander, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: and Member of the Supreme Council of the 33d Degree.

And we hereby authorize and empower for life, our said Ill.: Bro.: Jeremy L. Crofs, to establish, congregate, superintend and instruct Lodges, Chapters, Colleges, Confraternities and Councils of the Royal and Military Orders of Ancient and Modern Masonry, over the surface of the two Hemispheres, agreeably to the Grand Constitutions. We therefore recommend to all and every of our aforesaid Knights, Princes and Sublime Free Masons to receive and acknowledge our said Ill.: Bro.: Jeremy L. Crofs, to the Highest Degree in Masonry, and we will reciprocate all attention shown him, to those brethren when they may present themselves to our Supreme Council, furnished with like lawful letters of credence.

To all which we, the aforesaid Sov.: G.: Inf.: Gen.: and Members of the Sup.: Council of the 33d Degree for the U. S. A., sitting in the City of Charleston, S. C., and duly established the 31st day of May, 1801, have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed upon the same the Gr.: Seals of the said Ill.: Order, in the Council Chamber, near the B.: B.:, under the C.: C.:, this 24th day of the 5th month, answering to the 24th day of June, 1824.

MOSES HOLBROOK, M.: D.:, K.: H.:, S.: P.: R.: S.:,
Sov.: Gr.: Inf.: Gen.: of the 33d Degree, and Grand Commander
in the U. S. A.

FREDERICK

FREDERICK DALCHO, K. H., S. P. R. S.,
Sov. Gr. Inf. Gen. of the 33d Degree, Past Grand Commander
in the U. S. A.

M. C. LEVY, K. H., S. P. R. S.,
Sov. Gr. Inf. Gen. 33d Degree, Minister of State;

HORATIO D. STREET, K. H., S. P. R. S.,
Sov. Gr. Inf. Gen. 33d Degree, Keeper of the Seals;

ALEX. McDONALD, K. H., S. P. R. S.,
Sov. Gr. Inf. Gen. of the 33d Degree, Grand Master of Cer.

JAMES MOULTRIE, M. D., K. H., S. P. R. S.,

C. C. SEBRING, K. H., S. P. R. S.,
Sov. Gr. Inf. Gen. 33d Degree, and Captain Life Guards;

JOSEPH McCOSH, K. H., S. P. R. S.,
Sov. Gr. Inf. Gen. 33d Degree, and Deputy Sec. Gen. of the
Holy Empire in U. S. A.

After complying with the formalities usual in such cases, and taking the oath of fealty to this Supreme Council, Ill. Bro. Crofs was admitted, and his rank as S. G. I. G. acknowledged.

A perusal of the patent of Ill. Bro. Crofs from the Charleston Body, clearly demonstrates that at the time of its issue the Southern Supreme Council appeared to have no knowledge of the existence of the body said to have been organized by its authority in 1815, in New York, and of which John James Joseph Gourgas was said to have been the head. If that body ever really existed, it must have died before the year 1824, for the signatures of several of those who signed the patent of Ill. Bro. Crofs, as well as the body of the document itself would clearly tend to prove that the Charleston Council had renewed their pretended claim over the United States of America, instead of over the Southern Jurisdiction merely.

In the month of June, 1851, T. M. Ill. Bro. H. C. Atwood, resigned the office of S. G. Commander, and at the same meeting Ill. Bro. Jeremy L. Crofs was elevated to that distinguished station. The Ill. Bro. Daniel Sickels, Gr. Sec. Gen. of the H. E., being absent from the city, Ill. Bro. John W. Simons was appointed *acting* Gr. Sec. Gen. during his absence.

In September of this year, the venerable and Ill. Bro. John W. Mul-
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ligan returned to New York, and immediately afterwards attended a meeting of the Supreme Council. He inspected the record of proceedings had during his absence, and after congratulating the Supreme Council on the progress it had made, ratified, confirmed and subscribed to all that was done during his official residence abroad.

In 1852, T.: M.: Ill.: Bro.: Jeremy L. Crofs, feeling the weight of years, and his health requiring change of scene, determined to remove to his country home in New Hampshire, which would preclude the possibility of his regular attendance at the meetings of the Supreme Council. He, therefore, resigned the Sov.: Gr.: Commandership, and was succeeded by Past Sov.: Gr.: Com.: Ill.: Bro.: Henry C. Atwood ; Ill.: Bro.: Robert B. Folger assuming the responsible and arduous duties of Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: of the H.: E.:, and Ill.: Bro.: Daniel Sickels the office of Gr.: Minister of State. The Sov.: Gr.: Commander was installed and proclaimed by Ill.: Bros.: Mulligan and Crofs, Past Sov.: Gr.: Commanders.

January 1st, 1853, Ill.: Bro.: Le Blanc de Marconnay, (who had received his degrees under this Supreme Council,) Orator of the Chamber of Council and of Appeals for the Grand Orient of France, was elected an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council, and his Diploma to that effect forwarded to him.

On the 4th April of this year, the M.: P.: and Ill.: Bro.: General F. C. de Mosquera of the Supreme Council of New Granada was received in ample form by this Supreme Council, and on behalf of his mother body, requested an intimate correspondence and alliance. The request was responded to, and in the month of October, the ratification of the same was received from the Supreme Council of New Granada, which body appointed Ill.: Bro.: Henri Reilliet its representative near to this Supreme Council and Sov.: Grand Confitory.

During the year 1854, there were no changes in the Supreme Council.

In the succeeding year (1855), there were several changes. Ill.: Bro.: Edmund B. Hays became Lieut.: Grand Commander, and Ill.: Bro.: Hopkins Thompson Gr.: K.: of Seals.

From the period last named until 1859, there were no changes in the membership of the Supreme Council, with the exception of the admission of Ill.: Bro.: William H. Jarvis, who was appointed Gr.: C.: of G.:; and indeed though the annual sessions were regularly held, the transactions were

were not of importance, if the year 1857 be excepted, when a recognition, &c., &c., of this Supreme Council was received from the Supreme Council of Belgium.

In the latter part of September, 1860, T.: M.: Ill.: Bro.: Henry C. Atwood, Sov.: Gr.: Com.: died at his residence in the State of Connecticut. In the month of October following, the announcement of that event was made at a meeting of the Supreme Council, when Ill.: Bro.: Edmund B. Hays, P.: Lieut.: Gr.: Com.: became M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.:; Ill.: Bro.: Hopkins Thompson, P.: Lieut.: Gr.: Com.:; Ill.: Bro.: Geo. L. Osborn, Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: of the H.: E.:; Ill.: Bro.: Benjamin C. Leveridge, G.: Min.: of State; Ill.: Bro.: Robert E. Roberts, G.: Treas.: Gen.: H.: E.:; Ill.: Bro.: Harry J. Seymour, Gr.: M.: of Cer.

In 1861, Ill.: Bro.: Daniel Sickels became Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: of H.: E.:, in place of Ill.: Bro.: Osborn, resigned; Ill.: Bro.: Henry C. Banks, Gr.: Marshal, and Ill.: Bro.: John Innes, Gr.: Standard Bearer.

The Supreme Council at the commencement of this year (1862) was composed of the following Ill.: Brethren :

Edmund B. Hays,	. . .	M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Com.
Hopkins Thompson,	. . .	P.: Lieut.: Gr.: Com.
Benjamin C. Leveridge,	. . .	Gr.: Or.: and Gr.: M.: of S.
Daniel Sickels,	. . .	Gr.: Chan.:, Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: of the H.: E.:, and K.: of S.: and A.
Robert E. Roberts,	. . .	Gr.: Treas.: Gen.: of the H.: E.
Henry C. Banks,	. . .	Gr.: Marshal;
Harry J. Seymour,	. . .	Gr.: M.: of Cer.
John Innes,	. . .	Gr.: Standard Bearer;
William H. Jarvis,	. . .	Gr.: C.: of G.

On the 17th of January, 1862, the venerable patriarch T.: M.: Ill.: Bro.: John W. Mulligan, who with the Ill.: Bros.: Joseph Cerneau and De Witt Clinton, was one of the founders of the Sov.: Grand Consistory, in 1807, and Supreme Council in 1812, and who at the last annual meeting of the latter body, a short time previous to his decease, was present during its deliberations, in the 94th year of his age, and in the full possession of his intellectual faculties, was relieved of his earthly labours, for a better and more enduring Council on High.

On the 23d of same month, the Supreme Council convened at the City of Trenton, New Jersey, constituted a Grand Consistory for that State, and installed the following Ill. Bros. as officers :

Thomas J. Corfon, M. D., (Gr. Senior Warden of the Gr. Lodge, Gr. H. Priest of the Gr. Chapter, and Gr. Com. of the Gr. Commandery of the State,) Com. in Chief; George B. Edwards, Deputy Com.-in-Chief; Joseph H. Hough, (Gr. Secretary of the Gr. Lodge,) 1st Lieut. Com.; William T. Woodruff, 2d Lieut. Com.; William E. Stagg, Gr. Min. of State; Reuben S. Van Taffell, Gr. Chan.; John Woolverton, M. D., (Gr. Secretary of the Gr. Chapter,) Gr. Secretary; S. R. Terrell, Gr. Treasurer; William R. Clapp, Gr. K. of Seals; William Armstrong, Gr. Engineer; W. T. Nicholson, G. Hospitaller; James E. Emerson, Gr. M. of Cer.; Chas. Bechtel, Gr. Cap. of Guards; John P. Nelson, Gr. Standard Bearer; A. P. Howell, G. Sentinel.

The interesting ceremonies incident to the above organization were greatly heightened by the presence of Ill. Bros. David Naar and Thomas W. Satterthwaite, S. G. I. G.,—signers of the ratification of the triple Treaty of Alliance between the Supreme Councils of France and Brazil and this Supreme Body, in 1836, *emeritus* members of this Council—who participated in the proceedings.

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