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PREFACE.

THE Second Volume of the Reprint of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge covers the years from 1801 to 1810, inclusive.

We have reached the point in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge when, on account of there being a larger number of Lodges, more business was transacted, and more space required to record the proceedings. They lose nothing of their interest, however, by being recorded more fully, but, on the other hand, it makes the work all the more interesting as a historical work, both as regards the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in Pennsylvania.

During the period that James Milnor was R. W. Grand Master, (1806-1813,) the Grand Officers began to pay more attention to the Subordinate Lodges in the way of visitations, and in this volume will be found several of Grand Master Milnor's addresses delivered on those occasions. They are able papers, and contain advice that is as applicable to-day to the Lodges in Pennsylvania as it was eighty-five years ago.

Much care has been taken in the preparation of a copious index for this volume, following the general style of the index of Volume I., except that the Lodges are all indexed by their numbers. In cases where Lodges have a name, it is given in the proper place under the letter in the index, and a reference made as to where it can be found, as follows: "Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, Philadelphia (see Lodge No. 19)."

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MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

St. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Wednesday, 24th June, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ John W. Van Cleve, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Thomas Town, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Robert Lewis, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Christian Sheetz, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 58, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 78 and 81 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form.

The Lodges were called on to present their Returns, and the following Returns were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o 2. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Robert Pullen, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Joseph Burden, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Marshall, J. W.; Bro^r. John Phillips, Secretary ; Bro^r. George A. Baker, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 9. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Alexander M^cAllister, S. W.; Bro^r. Arch^d. M^cConoghy, J. W.; Bro^r. James Wilkins, Secretary ; Bro^r. Thomas Cave, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 19. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Ebenezer Ferguson, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Alexander R. Coxe, S. W.; Bro^r. Wil-

liam S. Revoudt, J. W.; Bro^r. William Gamble, Secretary ; Bro^r. Frederick Erringer, Treasurer. Return of Members to this Time returning the Expulsions of M—— W——, G—— R——, W—— H——, B—— W. B——, L—— B——, J—— H——, O—— S——, J—— R——, T—— D——, J—— C——.

Lodge N^o. 51. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Shoemaker, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Samuel Watt, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Poalk, J. W.; Bro^r. James Tatham, Secretary ; Bro^r. Henry Beck, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 59. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Ward, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Hood, S. W.; Bro^r. William Sweeny, J. W.; Bro^r. William Allibone, Secretary ; Bro^r. John Pragers, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 67. Election return, returning Bro^r. Joseph Cloud, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Littlewood, S. W.; Bro^r. Peter Paris, J. W.; Bro^r. Lodewyck Sharpe, Secretary ; Bro^r. Adam Eckfeldt, Treasurer. Return of Members this Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 71. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Nelson, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Andrew Montgomery, S. W.; Bro^r. Neil McFarland, J. W.; Bro^r. John Davis, Secretary ; Bro^r. John Cromwell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Christian Sheetz, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Joseph Blame, S. W.; Bro^r. Anthony Steel, J. W.; Bro^r. Patrick E. Whelan, Secretary ; Bro^r. Henry Rees, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 81. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Sellers, W. M.; Bro^r. William Leeson, S. W.; Bro^r. Elisha Tobey, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Morton, Secretary ; Bro^r. Anthony Hergesheimer, Treasurer.

An Amendment to the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 73 was received and read, whereby it appears that said Lodge has resolved for the future to hold their Elections for Officers *Annually*, and that at the Stated Meeting next preceding S^t. John the Evangelist's Day in every Year.

A Notification from Lodge N^o. 81 of their Removal from the place of their late meetings, at the Widow Leshers, to Bro^r.

Anthony Hargesheimer's, at the Sign of the King of Prussia, Germantown, was received and read.

The Committee appointed on the 1st Instant to make the necessary enquiries concerning a suitable place for the meetings of this Grand Lodge made their report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Committee appointed to make the necessary enquiry concerning a suitable place for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, Report, That a New and unfinished Tenement and Lot of Ground in Arch Street, near to the South West Corner of Ninth and Arch Streets, is for Sale, and in the Opinion of your Committee is suitable for the intended purpose. That the Length of the Lot North and South is about 150 feet. That there is thereon erected a Brick building Twenty Five Feet Front and 44 Feet extending South, with some back buildings. That said House is Three Stories high,—inclosed,—with Window Frames, &c. That from a Moderate Computation the Building alone has cost 3266 Dollars, and that the Lot is said to have cost £400, without any Building, and that said House and Lot can be purchased for 3250 Dollars. Whereupon your Committee propose the following Resolutions :

“1st. Resolved, That it is expedient to purchase said Lot and Building for the use aforesaid.

“2nd. Resolved, That as said Estate is to be purchased by the Grand Lodge, it be recommended to the several Lodges to lend to the Grand Lodge all such Sums as they can spare, on Interest.

“3rd. Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to make such purchase.

(Sign'd)

“JAMES MILNOR,
 “JOHN W. VAN CLEVE,
 “THOMAS TOWN,
 “GEORGE A. BAKER,
 “GAVIN HAMILTON,
 “Committee.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, The First of

the said Resolutions proposed by the Committee was Unanimously Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, The Second of the said Resolutions proposed by the Committee was Unanimously Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That it is considered by the Grand Lodge, that the Estate so to be purchased be subject to a lien in favour of those individual Lodges that may make Loans to the Grand Lodge for purchasing the same.

On Motion made and Seconded, The Third of the said Resolutions proposed by the Committee was Unanimously Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Brothers James Milnor, John W. Van Cleve, Gavin Hamilton, Thomas Town and George A. Baker were appointed a Committee to make the said purchase.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That the Deed of Conveyance for the said Estate be made to Brothers Jonathan Bayard Smith, R. W. Grand Master, Israel Israel, Deputy Grand Master, James Milnor, Senior Grand Warden, John W. Van Cleve, Junior Grand Warden, George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, and Gavin Hamilton, Grand Treasurer, as Joint Tenants in Fee Simple, and that they execute a Declaration of Trust to the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, That a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions be furnished to each Lodge, and that the Lodges be requested to take the same under immediate Consideration.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 27th July, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. GAVIN HAMILTON, (formerly R. W. D. G. M.,) R. W.
G. M. Pro Temp.

- “ John Smith, jun^r” R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- “ Samuel Passy, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Ezekiel Howell, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Samuel Neave, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 45, 51, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68 and 71 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Form.

The R. W. Grand Master not being present, the Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that as the purchase of the House and Lot on Arch Street appeared to be objected to by some Brethren on account of its distance, the R. W. Grand Master had directed the Grand Lodge to be convened for the purpose of affording them an Opportunity of taking into Consideration the relinquishing the said intended purchase on Arch Street, and to purchase a Lot in a more central situation and erect a Building thereon, and informed of a lot on Watkins Alley which is deemed an eligible situation, and is for Sale.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee appointed to make the said purchase be Authorized to make enquiry concerning other places that may be for sale and likely to suit the purposes of this Grand Lodge, and to Report their proceedings.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, 7th Sept., A. L. 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
- “ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 - “ John W. Vancleve, Esq^r. R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 - “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 - “ Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 - “ Thomas Town, Past R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 - “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. Past R. W. Grand Secretary.
 - “ William Nelson, Senior Grand Deacon.
 - “ Andrew Nilson, Junior Grand Deacon.
 - “ Felix McCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
 - “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 52, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71 and 72 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, And the Minutes read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the different Meetings had since the last Quarterly Communication were read and approved. It appeared by the said Minutes that said Committee had on the 18th Ult^o granted to Bro^r. Thomas B. Ruffin of Lodge N^o. 15, Petersburg, Virginia, the Sum of Ten Dollars.

Two Communications from the Grand Lodge of England, One of 4th June, 1800, and the other of 27th December, 1800, were read.

Two Communications from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina were read, Containing a List of their Grand Officers for the present Year, being

- Bro^r. William Polk, R. W. Grand Master.
- “ John Louis Taylor, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 - “ Montfort Stokes, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 - “ John Winslow, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 - “ Robert Williams, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 - “ Henry Potter, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

A List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction being 31 in Number and proceedings of the said Grand Lodge for the Year 1800.

A Letter from American Union Lodge N^o. 1 held at Mari-

etta, dated 21st July last, enclosing a Duplicate of their Communication read in this Grand Lodge the 15th of June last, was read.

The Petition of Henry Robinson who had formerly been a Member of Lodge N^o 2, praying for Assistance, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Bartholomew Von Heer, praying Relief, was read and dismissed.

The Petition of Bro^r. Thomas Bland Ruffin of Lodge N^o 15, Petersburg, Virginia, praying for Assistance, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The Appeal of J—— S—— from the Vote of Expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 19 was read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of divers Brethren was read praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia to be called "Columbia Lodge," and that Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy might be named Master; Bro^r. William McCullagh, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. John Arabin, Junior Warden of the same, which being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 91. Election Return of Lodge N^o 3 of June last was read, returning Bro^r. Ezekiel Howell, W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Neave, S. W.; Bro^r. John Alexander, J. W.; Bro^r. John Cook, Secretary; Bro^r. Caleb Hewes, Treasurer.

A Notification of the Rejection of W—— R——, House Carpenter, in Lodge N^o 9 was read.

A Letter from Bro^r. Andrew Lee, Treasurer of Lodge N^o 21 to Bro^r. Baker was read; it requested for their Lodge an Answer to the Returns last received from them. Bro^r. Baker's Letter to the Lodge, in Answer thereto, dated the 13th August, was also read.

Return of Members of Lodge N^o 59 was read, returning P—— J—— and W—— W—— Expelled. Account of Grand Lodge Dues of said Lodge.

Election Return of Lodge N^o. 68 of June last, returning Bro^r. Isaac Craven, W. M.; Bro^r. William Watson, S. W.; Bro^r. John Carmen, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sterrett, Secretary; Bro^r. Roswell Doty, Treasurer.

Election Return of Lodge N^o. 69 of June last, returning Bro^r. Joseph Engle, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Saffer, S. W.; Bro^r. William Hill, J. W.; Bro^r. — — —, Secretary; Bro^r. Edward Engle, Treasurer.

Returns of Lodge N^o. 73, Viz: Return of Members from Decem^r. 1798 to Dec^r. 1799. Account of Grand Lodge Dues for the same period, Amounting to \$34.26. Return of Members from Dec^r. 1799 to Decem^r. 1800. Account of Grand Lodge Dues for the same period, Amounting to \$30.52.

A Commission appointing Bro^r. Alexander Moore, Proxy of Lodge N^o. 76, was read and Bro^r. Moore recognized as Proxy of said Lodge.

A Letter from Bro^r. John Patten, containing a complaint against Bro^r. John M^cElwee, was read and referr'd to Bro^r. Vanclève, A. Nilson, Morton, Griffiths and Jewell to examine and Report thereon.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the Third Monday in the present Month at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st September, Anno Lucls 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Town, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ John W. Van Cleve, Esq^r. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Bro^r. Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. Past R. W. Jun. Grand Warden.

- “ Andrew Nilson, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Ebenezer Ferguson, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 76 and 77 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Petition of Lodge N^o. 19 was read. It stated their very embarrassed situation and requested that if the Grand Lodge should think it would be establishing a bad precedent for other Lodges, to exonerate Lodge N^o. 19 from their Debt, the Grand Lodge would accept of their Warrant, as it was evident that under their present circumstances they should never be able to promote the welfare of the Craft or be deemed respectable as Masons.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 91 was receiv'd and referr'd to Bro^m. Andrew Nilson, Griffith and M^cKaraher to examine and report thereon.

A Petition Signed by Bro^r. John Poor and others praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at New Hope in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was read and Ordered to lie over for Consideration.

On Motion made and Seconded, The Committee appointed on St^t John's Day to make a purchase of a Messuage and Lot of Ground for this Grand Lodge were discharged.

On Motion made and Seconded, Bro^m. James Milnor, John W. Van Cleve, Thomas Town, Robert Pullen and George A. Baker were appointed a Committee to enquire what Lots are for sale, what Loans may be expected from the Individual Lodges to Assist the Grand Lodge in making a purchase, and what are the Funds of the Grand Lodge, and to make Report.

On Motion made and Seconded, Brothers Duplessis, Andrew Nilson and Baker were appointed a Committee to make en-

quiry respecting the delinquent Lodges which have been Notified and Report.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock, P. M., to the Third Monday in October next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

On Monday Evening, 19th October, 5801, A Number of Brethren met at the Grand Lodge Room agreeably to Adjournment, but there not being a sufficient Number to proceed to business Grand Lodge was not opened.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 29th October, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- “ James Milnor, Esq^r., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ John W. Van Cleve, Esq^r., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Thomas Town, Past S. G. Warden.
- “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Past Grand Secretary.
- “ William Nelson, Senior Deacon, Pro Temp.
- “ John Uhle, Junior Deacon, Pro Temp.
- “ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 56, 59, 65, 68, 71, 72, 77, 87 and 91 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

This Lodge being called for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Petition of Bro^r. John Poor and others, read the 21st September last, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at New Hope in Bucks County, so much of the Minutes of the 21st Ultimo, as relates to the same was read.

The said Petition was thereupon again read.

A Certificate from Lodge N^o. 57 in favour of Bro^r. Robert T. Neely, Enos Scarborough and John Beaumont, Three of the said Petitioners was presented and read.

Whereupon, Resolved, That the Prayer of the said Petition cannot be granted.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th December, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master, Pro. Temp.
 " William Moore Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.
 " John W. Van Cleve, Esq^r. R. W. S. Grand Warden, Pro Temp.
 " Thomas Town, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.
 " Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Pro Temp.
 " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 " Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, R. W. Past Grand Secretary.
 " Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 " Cadwallader Griffith, Sen^r. Grand Deacon.
 " Ezekiel Howell, Junior Grand Warden.
 " Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
 " William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, 81, 87 and 91 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Form.

The Minutes of the different Communications held since the last Quarterly Communication were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of their different Meetings had since the last Quarterly Communication were read and Approved of.

It appeared by said Minutes that said Committee had granted on the

19th October to Bro^r. William Harman's Family. . \$10.

16th Novem^r. to Bro^r. William Healy's Wife. . . 5.

This being the Evening appointed by the Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Officers, the Grand Lodge now proceeded to the Election, when the following Brethren were duly Elected Officers for the ensuing Year, commencing on S^t John's Day next, Viz :

Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ John W. Vanclave, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

A Letter from the R. W. Grand Master was read and is in the Words following, to wit :

“ Dec^r. 7, 1801.

“ R. W. AND RESPECTED BRETHREN :

“ Brother Duplessis, as Representative of several Lodges
 “ under this Jurisdiction in the Island of S^t Domingo, has
 “ submitted to me their request that I would create a Super-
 “ intending Authority in that Island over the Lodges now or
 “ hereafter to be established there. Notwithstanding, agree-
 “ ably to antient usage and all the Books I have had an
 “ opportunity of consulting, I might have thought myself well
 “ warranted in proceeding, and the distances of these Lodges
 “ and the difficulty of regular intercommunication between

“them and the Grand Lodge evince to my Mind the Expedi-
 “ency of the measure, Yet I was not willing to Act on this
 “Subject without first submitting it to the consideration of
 “the Grand Lodge. If they shall judge it necessary to take
 “any Order herein, or by their Wisdom can suggest anything
 “which may tend to the advantage of the Craft, or the Honour
 “or Advantage of the Grand Lodge, I or my Successor, should
 “the Grand Lodge be pleased to make a change, will undoubt-
 “edly accord with their views.

“Brother Duplessis will submit the Application referred to
 “above to the Grand Lodge and give the necessary informa-
 “tion. I barely mention that it appears that Six Lodges are
 “now regularly constituted on that Island. Applications are
 “made for Two more, and I am well informed they are much
 “pleased with the antient mode of working, and as far as they
 “can procure instruction wish to conform to it exactly, and
 “that they profess an inviolable attachment to the Grand
 “Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“I have put into the hands of Bro^r. Duplessis extracts from
 “several Books on the subject.

“With great respect and Esteem,

“I am R. W. and Brⁿ. Your Affectionate B^r.

(Sign'd)

“J. B. SMITH.”

Whereupon, Brother Duplessis having read the Application referred to in the said Letter also extracts from Old Constitution Books concerning Provincial Grand Masters and having presented Two Resolutions on the subject, On Motion and Seconded, The whole was committed to the R. W. Grand Officers and Bro^r. Duplessis whose proceedings shall also be the proceedings of this Grand Lodge and as such entered on the Minutes.

The Petition of Bro^r. Peter Deschong, a Member of Lodge No^o. 10 at New York, praying assistance, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

A Letter from Bro^r. John Poor to the R. W. G. M. was read, stating that he had been informed that suggestions had been made in the Grand Lodge respecting his Character, and requested the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the Facts.

Whereupon, Bro^{rs}. Vancleve, Town, Pullen, Griffith and A. Nilson were appointed a Committee to enquire concerning the premises and Report thereon.

Bro^{rs}. Pullen, A. Nilson and Howell were appointed a Committee to inform such of the R. W. Grand Officers Elect, as were not present this Evening, of their being Elected.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the Third Monday in the present Month, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st December, A. L. 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Israel Israel, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, R. W. Senior Grand Warden,
P. T.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Thomas Town, late R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Past R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Peter Paris, Junior Grand Deacon.

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Nineteen Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form and the Minutes read.

Communications from the Grand Lodge of England of December 27th last, March 4th and June 3rd last, also a Letter from the R. W. D. G. M. of England were read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Answer.

The Petition of divers Brethren was read praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Union Town, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to be called "Union Lodge" and that Bro^r Abraham Stewart, Esq^r might be named Master ; Bro^r George Manypenny, Senior Warden, and Bro^r Christian Tar, Junior Warden of the same, which being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 92.

A Resolution of Lodge N^o 25 of the 24th October last resolving, that the Warrant of said Lodge be given up and that the Funds in the hands of the Treasurer together with the Lease of the Lodge Room, Jewels and other Furniture be transferred to the Grand Lodge, was read and Order'd to lie on the Table.

The representation of Bro^r Frederick John Haller, a Member of Lodge N^o 56, at Carlisle, containing certain charges against said Lodge was read, Whereupon,

Resolved, That Bro^{rs} Cloud, Pullen, Uhle, Hennessy and Morton be a Committee to enquire into the premises and Report thereon.

Note—Said Charges being omitted to be entered here are entered page 73, &c.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to Order the Book of Transactions of said Lodge to be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Master.

The Petition of Bro^r David Irving, formerly a Member of Lodge N^o 2, was read. It stated that he had formerly been a Member of said Lodge N^o 2, that he had some Time since withdrawn therefrom ; that he had afterwards again petitioned to become a Member and upon being Ballotted for had been

rejected, And prayed the Grand Lodge to Appoint a Committee to enquire into the proceedings and report, that he might obtain relief. Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Representation from Lodge N^o. 14 was read ; it stated their deranged situation and the lowness of their Funds, tendered the Sum of Fifty Dollars in full for their Dues to this Time and pledged themselves for the future to be punctual in their Returns and Accounts, &c. Ordered to lie on the Table.

Further papers relating to the Appeal made by Joseph Boucher on the 7th September last, from the Vote of Expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o. 19 were presented and read. Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of Lodge N^o. 46 was read. It stated that the business of the Lodge had been done in so careless a manner that there was no tracing what Members and to what Amount each of them are in Arrear for Dues to the Grand Lodge. That they are willing to pay their own dues to the G. Lodge but pray to be exonerated from paying the dues of the delinquent Members. Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, Viz :
Lodge N^o. 3. Return of Members from Dec^r. 1798 to June last.

Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 19. A Letter from said Lodge informing that said Lodge feels sensibly hurt by not having it in their power to Assist the Grand Lodge with a Loan. Communication informing of the Expulsion for Non-Payment of Dues, of T—— S. C——, A—— G——, J—— E——, S—— B. B——, C—— G——, House Carpenter.

Lodge N^o. 52. Election Return of June last, returning George Morton, W. Master ; Michael Kuhn, Esq^r. S. W. ; John Conrad, J. W. ; Cadwallader Griffith, Secretary ; Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 57. Commission, Appointing Bro^r. Joseph P. Minnick, Proxy of said Lodge. Return of Members to December, 1800. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to ditto.

Lodge N^o. 60. Election Return of June last, returning Charles Wheeler, W. M^r. ; George Manypenny, S. W. ; Thomas Hough, J. W. ; John M^cClure Hezlip, Secretary ; John Christmas, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 61. Letter from said Lodge dated 7th Sept^r. last Acknowledging the receipt of the Circular from this Grand Lodge requesting a Loan, but informing that there is no Money in their Treasury, and therefore out of their power to comply with said request at this Time, tho' willing so to do if their Treasury will hereafter admit of it. A Letter from the same Lodge dated 5th Oct^r. respecting Joseph Hitchcock and John Marey who were heretofore expelled by them for Non Payment of dues stating that said Lodge had reconsidered their Cases and desired to restore them. The G. Lodge approve of the representation made by said Lodge and Agree that said Two Brethren be reinstated in their full standing in said Lodge.

Lodge N^o. 64. Return of Members to December, 1799. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 71. Election return of June last, returning William Nelson, W. M^r.; Andrew Montgomery, S. W.; Neil M^cFarland, J. W.; John Davis, Secretary; John Cromwell, Treasurer. Return of Members up to June last. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Notification of the Expulsion of W—— G—— and J—— S. M—— for Non-Payment of dues.

Lodge N^o. 72. Letter from said Lodge of 19th October, informing that it is not in their power to grant a Loan, being so poor at present. Also Notification of the rejection of J—— K——.

Lodge N^o. 80. Letter from said Lodge dated 27th Ult^o. informing that it is not at present convenient to make their Return.

Lodge N^o. 84. Letter from said Lodge of September last, informing that their Funds will not admit of a Loan to the Grand Lodge at this Time, but express their willingness to grant a Loan when their Funds shall allow of it.

Lodge N^o. 85. Letter from said Lodge, dated 14th September, informing that the infant state of the Lodge and the existing Funds will be inadequate to a Loan at this Juncture.

Lodge N^o. 87. Communication from said Lodge and Appointment of Bro^r. Duplessis as their Proxy.

The Committee appointed on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 91

made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit: "We the Committee above mentioned have examined the "Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 91 and are of Opinion there is nothing unmasonic in them except that said Lodge having Two Stated Meetings in every Month have provided by their said Bye Laws to receive Petitions from Candidates at One Stated Meeting and if approved to Initiate them at the next Stated Meeting, being but Two Weeks after the Application being received, which we conceive contrary to the Constitution as by the Constitution, Page 31, it is expressly provided as follows "nor shall any person be made or admitted a Member of a Lodge without being proposed *One Month* before."

19th October, 1801. (Sign'd) AND^r. NILSON,
CAD^r. GRIFFITH,
DANIEL M^cKARAHER.

which Report was approved of.

The Committee appointed on the request for establishing a superintending Authority over the Lodges in the Island of S^t Domingo made their Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit: "To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Committee appointed to consider the Letter from the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, and the Resolutions presented by Brother Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis concerning the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for the Island of S^t Domingo beg leave to Report: That they have considered the Subject with due attention and are of opinion That it is expedient that a Provincial Grand Master be appointed and deputed for the Island of S^t Domingo aforesaid who shall be invested with the Rank of a Deputy Grand Master in this Grand Lodge and with the powers, privileges, and Honours of a Grand Master in his said District shall do and perform therein under the Authority of this Grand Lodge all such Matters and Things as appertain to the said Office according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations. That Your Committee having searched the Oldest Records do find that the Appointment of such an Officer is a prerogative of the

“Right Worshipful, the Grand Master and agreeable to their
 “appointment have desired the Right Worshipful Grand
 “Master to appoint and depute as Provincial Grand Master
 “for the Island of S^t Domingo such Brother as he may think
 “proper with such instructions as his Wisdom will suggest to
 “him.

“Philadelphia, December 19th, 5801.

(Sign’d)

“ISRAEL ISRAEL.

“JAMES MILNOR.

“JN^o. W. VANCLEVE.

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.”

which Report was approved.

The Committee appointed at the request of Bro^r. Poor made
 Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit :
 “The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to enquire
 “into a charge made against Bro. John Poor, Beg leave to
 “Report, “That the Subscribers met at the House of Bro.
 “Andrew Nilson this Evening when Bro. Poor attended and
 “informed us, he had noticed Bro. Neave that the Committee
 “was to meet this Evening and requested him to attend.
 “When we were met, an affidavit was produced Signed by Bro.
 “Samuel Hampton, explaining the business of the charge,
 “brought against Bro. John Poor. Bro. Neave not attending,
 “we duly considered the above named Affidavit, and examined
 “Bro. Hampton fully, when on due Consideration we are
 “fully of Opinion that the charge is unsupported. We beg
 “leave also to inform the Grand Lodge, that the above men-
 “tioned Affidavit accompanies this Report, which your Com-
 “mittee beg may be read in open Lodge. Brothers Poor and
 “Hampton we have requested to attend this Evening in the
 “outer Room to Answer any Questions that might be thought
 “proper to put to them.

“Dec^r. 21st, 1801.

(Sign’d)

“ROB^r. PULLEN.

“CAD^w. GRIFFITH.

“AND^a. NILSON.”

The Affidavit of Bro^r. Samuel Hampton in the said Report
 referr’d to was also read.

On Motion, the said Report was read a Second Time and
 Accepted.

The Committee appointed on the 16th March last, on the Petition of Bro^r. James M^cChesney made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit: "Whereupon, "Your Committee Report, That they have examined the "several documents above referred to and do recommend the "following Resolutions.

1. "That the Resolution of Lodge N^o. 21 of the 4th of Sep-
"tember, 1800 be reversed.
2. "That J—— I—— late a Member of Lodge N^o. 21, be
"expelled from the Society of Masons."

(Sign'd)

G. HAMILTON.

J. W. VANCLEVE.

which Report was Accepted.

Bro^{rs}. Duplessis, Milnor and Van Cleve were appointed the Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing year.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to Thursday, the 31st Instant at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

MONDAY, 28th December, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

S^t. John the Evangelist's Day having fallen on Sunday the Grand Lodge met the day following at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

" James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" John W. Van Cleve, Esq^r. R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Past R. W. Grand Sec^r.

" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.

" George Morton, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.

" Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67, 68, 77 and 87 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

Resolved, That no Visitor be admitted into this Grand Lodge who cannot be vouched for by a Member of the Grand Lodge as having sat with him in a Lodge.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read and thereupon the Grand Officers elect were severally Installed into their respective Offices, to wit :

Bro^r. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ John W. Van Cleve, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary, and

“ Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and proclaimed and saluted according to Ancient form and Usage.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit :

Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ George Morton, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews, Grand Chaplain.

Bro^r. John Smith,

“ Robert Pullen, } Grand Stewards.

“ Major Andrew Nilson, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ General Thomas Procter, Grand Marshal.

“ Thomas Town,

“ Robert Jackson, } Room Committee.

“ William Nelson, }

The following Brethren were appointed recommenders of Objects to the Dispensary, to wit :

Bro^r. John W. Vancleve, Esq^r. for the Northern Liberties.

“ Israel Israel, Esq^r. for the City, and

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. for Southwark.

Bro^m. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r.

“ John W. Vancleve, Esq^r.

“ John Smith, Esq^r.

were appointed the Committee of Accounts for the ensuing year.

The Lodges were then called on for their Returns when the following Returns, &c., were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 2. Election Return, returning Bro^r Robert Pullen, W. M^r.; Bro^r Joseph Burden, S. W.; Bro^r Thomas Marshal, J. W.; Bro^r John Phillips, Secretary ; Bro^r George A. Baker, Treasurer. Also their Return of Members and Account of G. L. dues.

Lodge N^o. 9. Election Return, returning Bro^r Joseph Campbell, W. M^r.; Bro^r Archibald M^cConaghy, S. W.; Bro^r James D. Pritchard, J. W.; Bro^r James Wilkins, Secretary ; Bro^r Thomas Cave, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 19. Election Return, returning Bro^r Ebenezer Ferguson, W. M.; Bro^r Doct^r William S. Revoudt, S. W.; Bro^r Henry Shrupp, J. W.; Bro^r William Gamble, Secretary ; Bro^r Frederick Erringer, Treasurer. Also, their Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 51. Election Return, returning Bro^r Robert Lewis, W. M^r.; Bro^r Samuel Watt, S. W.; Bro^o Robert Poalk, J. W.; Bro^r James Tatham, Secretary ; Bro^r Henry Beck, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 52. Election Return, returning Bro^r George Morton, W. M^r.; Bro^r Michael Kuhn, S. W.; Bro^r John Conrad, J. W.; Bro^r Cadwallader Griffith, Secretary ; Bro^r Thomas Amies, Treasurer. Account of their Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 67. Election Return, returning Bro^r William Littlewood, W. M^r.; Bro^r Peter Paris, S. W.; Bro^r Charles Cummens, J. W.; Bro^r Lodewyk Sharpe, Secretary ; Bro^r Adam Eckfeld, Treasurer. Also Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 71. Election Return, returning Bro^r William Nelson, W. M.; Bro^r Andrew Montgomery, S. W.; Bro^r Neil Sweeny, J. W.; Bro^r John Scott, Secretary ; Bro^r Peter Brady, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72. Election Return, returning Bro^r Christian Sheetz, W. M^r.; Bro^r Adam Keyser, S. W.; Bro^r Parks Boyd, J. W.; Bro^r Patrick E. Whelen, Secretary ; Bro^r Henry Rees, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 73. Election Return, returning Bro^r Joseph E. G. M. De La Grange, Esq^r. W. M.; Bro^r Edward George, S.

W.; Bro^r. Joseph Henry Chevalier, J. W.; Bro^r. Augustus Belin, Secretary; Bro^r. Charles N. D. Gervais, Treasurer. Communication of their Stated Meetings being altered from the 1st and 3rd Wednesday to the 1st and 3rd Thursday in every Month.

Lodge N^o. 81. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Sellers, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Leeson, S. W.; Bro^r. David Coudon, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Norton, Secretary; Bro^r. Anthony Hergesheimer, Treasurer. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 91. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Hennesy, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William M^cCullogh, S. W.; Bro^r. John Arabin, J. W.; Bro^r. William Harvey, Secretary; Bro^r. James Cannon, Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Names of the Grand Officers shall not be published in the next papers.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past One o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 31st, A. L. 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Sen^r. Grand Warden,
P. T.

“ Ezekiel Howell, Esq^r. R. W. Jun^r. Grand Warden,
P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Gavin Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

“ Peter Paris, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.

“ Joseph Cloud, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.

“ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71 and 72 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and the Minutes were read.

Returns of Lodge N^o. 84 were receiv'd and read, Viz : Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Campbell, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Gore Elder, S. W.; Bro^r. James Clark, J. W.; Bro^r. Otho Schrader, Secretary ; Bro^r. William M^eDermett, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning J—— A——, Expelled. Account of Grand Lodge dues. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge which were referr'd to Bro^r. Andrew Nilson, Griffith and M^eKaraher to examine and Report thereon.

A Petition from a Number of Brethren was read praying that a Warrant may be granted for holding a Lodge at New Hope, Bucks County, and that Bro^r. John Poor may be named Master ; Bro^r. Cornelius Coolbaugh, S. W., and Bro^r. Robert T. Neely, J. W. of the same.

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the Table and that the Petitioners have leave to correct the same in point of form.

The Report of the Committee Appointed to make a settlement with Lodge N^o. 12, read on the 23^d June last, was read a Second Time and Adopted.

The Letter from Bro^r. D. Hall, W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 63, read the 15th and 23^d June last, was again read and Order'd to be placed on the Files of that Lodge.

The Letter from Bro^r. William P. Brady, W. M^r. of Lo. N^o. 22, read the 1st and 23rd June last, was again read and Order'd to be placed on the Files of that Lodge.

The Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodge of England read the 7th September last, were Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this G. L.

The Communication from the G. L. of North Carolina, read the 7th September last, was referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Appeal of J—— B—— from the Vote of Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 19, was referr'd to Bro^r. Vancleve, Andrew Nilson and Lewis to examine and Report thereon.

The further Consideration of the Petition of Lodge N^o. 19, respecting their G. L. dues, read the 21st September last, was postponed.

The Petition of Lodge N^o. 46 read the 21st Ins^t was again read. Ordered, that said Lodge be called on to make a compleat Return of their Members from the commencement.

The Representation of Lodge N^o. 14, respecting the deranged situation of their Affairs, read the 21st Instant, was referr'd to Bro^{rs} Howell, Morton and Griffith to examine and Report thereon.

Leave was given to withdraw the Petition receiv'd from Bro^r. David Irving and read the 21st Ins^t

The Resolution of Lodge N^o. 25, respecting the surrendering of their Warrant, &c., read the 21st Ins^t was again read, and thereupon

Resolved, that said Lodge have permission to surrender their Warrant, and that Bro^r. Grand Treasurer receive their Jewells, Furniture, Funds and other property and Effects.

An Account was presented by Lodge N^o. 3, against this Grand Lodge for 4 Years use of Property of Lodge N^o. 3, occupied by the Grand and other Lodges up to June last, amounting to \$96. The same was referr'd to Bro^{rs} Duplessis, Lewis and Morton to examine and Report thereon.

Ordered that the Committee of Charity take our Ancient Brother Ghislin's Case into Consideration and that they be authorized to apply towards his Relief a Sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars for the present Year.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday 1st March, Anno Lucis 5802.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

- Bro^r. William Ball, Esq^r. Past R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Israel Israel, Esq^r. Past R. W. Dep^y. Grand Master.
 “ John W. Vancleve, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
 “ Gavin Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.
 “ Thomas Town, Past R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Past R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ William Nelson, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ George Morton, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 9, 12, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 80 and 91 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and the Minutes read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of their different Meetings had since the last quarterly Communication were read and approved of. It appeared by said Minutes that the said Committee had granted as follows, to wit :

on the 21 st December to the	Widow Keckles Falkner.	\$10.
4 th January	“ Bro ^r . William Ghislin.	20.
“ “	“ M ^{rs} . Bridget Correy	10.
18 th “	“ Bro ^r . James Skinner’s	
	Widow	10.
“ “	“ Bro ^r . Tho ^a . Giffoor’s Wife.	10.
“ “	“ Bro ^r . John Service.	10.
Total		\$70.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of England, of 2nd September last, was read and ordered to be placed among the Archives of this G. L.

A Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of Ireland, of 5th Septem^r. last, was read and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this G. Lodge.

A Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of North Carolina, of 24th December last, was read and referr’d to Bro^{rs}. Ball,

Milnor, Duplessis, I. Israel and Gardette to examine and Report thereon.

The Petition of divers Brethren was read praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at New Orleans and that Bro^r. Nicholas De Finiels, might be named Master; Bro^r. Pierre Dulcide Barran, S. W., and Bro^r. Jacques Carrick, J. W. of the same, and that it may be called "The French Lodge La Charite," which being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 93.

The Warrant of Lodge N^o 90, lately held at New Orleans was surrendered to the Grand Lodge.

The Petition of Bro^r. Thomas Maysey, stating his distresses and praying for Assistance was read.

Ordered, that Twenty Dollars be placed in the hands of Bro^{rs}. Ferguson and Hoover to be applied to Bro^r. Maysey's use at their discretion.

The Petition of Bro^r. Patrick M^cKiernan, lately arrived from Ireland stating the distresses of himself and Family was read and refer'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Committee appointed on the Complaint made by Bro^r. Haller against Lodge N^o 56, Reported, that they had had several meetings but that neither of the parties interested had attended although duly noticed, but that the Committee are of opinion that if further Time is granted by the Grand Lodge that the parties will mutually come forward for the purpose of investigating the same, Whereupon, the said Committee was continued.

The Committee appointed on the Appeal of Joseph Boucher from the Vote of Expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 19, made their Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

"The undersigned Members of said Committee having heard "a Committee from Lodge N^o 19, and Jos. Boucher, upon the "subject referred to them Report, That the proceedings of "Lodge N^o 19 was Irregular.

“1st. Because said Lodge proceeded to try and punish said Joseph Boucher after declaring upon their Minutes that his request to withdraw from them was granted.

“2nd. Because the fault alledged against him was committed after his said Application to withdraw from them and their approbation of his resignation.

“January 11th, 1802. (Sign'd) “J. W. VANCELEVE.
“ROBERT LEWIS.”

which report was accepted.

The following Returns were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o. 3. Election Return of Decem^r. last, returning Bro^r. Gavin Hamilton, W. M.; Bro^r. John Alexander, S. W.; Bro^r. John Hoover, J. W.; Bro^r. William Barker, Secretary ; Bro^r. Caleb Hughes, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 5. Return of Members up to S^t John's Day. Account of G. L. dues to same Time. Election Return of Decem^r. returning Bro^r. John Merritt, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Streets, S. W.; Bro^r. William Bradford, J. W.; Bro^r. William Lindsey, Secretary ; Bro^r. Richard C. Dale, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 50. Returns of Members up to S^t John's Day. Election Return of Decem^r., returning Bro^r. Marmaduke Pearce, W. M.; Bro^r. John Roland, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Davis, J. W ; Bro^r. Jacob Neilor, Secretary ; Bro^r. John G. Bull, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 59. Return of Members up to S^t John's Day. Account of G. L. dues to same time. Election Return of Decem^r., returning Bro^r. John Hood, W. M.; Bro^r. William Sweeny, S. W.; Bro^r. William Allibone, jun^r., J. W.; Bro^r. Michael Andrews, Secretary ; Bro^r. John Pragers, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 64. Return of Members up to S^t John's Day, J—M^cW— expelled. Account of G. L. dues to same time. Election Return of Decem^r., returning Bro^r. Robert William, W. M.; Bro^r. William Macgranaghan, S. W.; Bro^r. Richard Mathers, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Lee, Secretary ; Bro^r. Henry Wise, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 80. Return of Members up to S^t John's Day. Account of G. L. dues to same Time. Election Return of Decem^r., returning Bro^r. Andrew Charles, W. M.; Bro^r.

James Park, S. W.; Bro^r. Moses Hinton, J. W.; Bro^r. James Managhan, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Best, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 87. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 72. Notification of the Suspension of G—— B——, One of their Members, for One Year from 23rd January last.

Resolved, that the Committee on the purchasing of Building pursue the object of their appointment and that, if it shall appear necessary, they secure a temporary place for the immediate meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Bro^{rs}. Milnor, Hamilton and Baker were appointed a Committee to let the Lot of this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M. to the next Quarterly Communication.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday 3rd May, Anno Lucis 5902.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. D. Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. S. G. Warden, P. T.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. J. G. Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Gavin Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

“ Thomas Hennessy, S. G. Deacon, P. T.

“ Kenneth Jewell, J. G. Deacon, P. T.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.

also, Bro^r. Ball, Past G. M.; Bro^r. Israel, Past D. G. M.; Bro^r. Town, Past S. G. W., and Bro^r. Armstrong, P. G. W.

Lodges Nos. 2, 8, 9, 19, 12, 41, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72, 77, 87, 88 and 91 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. D. G. M. stated that on Account of the extreme

anxiety of some Brethren about a place for the Meetings of the Grand Lodge, this Meeting was called for the purpose of taking that business into Consideration.

The R. W. D. G. M. informed the Lodge that the Committee respecting the purchasing of Building, &c., had not come to any conclusion and were not therefore ready to Report. Said Committee were thereupon discharged.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by the Grand Lodge, consisting of One Member of each Lodge meeting in this City, which Committee so Appointed shall have full power to call on every Lodge, for their Subscriptions, and to have full power to devise and carry into effect the means of erecting a permanent place of Meeting.

Resolved, That the said Committee be appointed by the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the following Brethren compose said Committee, Viz:

- N^o. 2. Robert Pullen.
- 3. Israel Israel.
- 9. Joseph Campbell.
- 19. Ebenezer Ferguson.
- 51. Robert Lewis.
- 52. George Morton.
- 59. Robert Jackson.
- 67. Henry Voigt.
- 71. William Nelson.
- 72. Joseph Blaimé.
- 73. James Gardette.
- 91. Thomas Hennessy.

Resolved, That Bro^r. James Milnor, (the R. W. D. G. M.) be Added to said Committee.

Resolved, That the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars be appropriated for the Use of the foregoing Resolution by this Grand Lodge subject to the draft on the Grand Treasurer, signed by the Grand Master and at least Two Thirds of the Grand Committee lately appointed.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 11 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday 7th June, Anno Lucis 5802.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. D. Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. S. G. Warden, P. T.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. J. G. Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Alexander Moore, S. Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Uhle, J. Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72, 91 and 9 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly and Extra Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 15th March were read and Approved, it appeared thereby that said Committee had granted Ten Dollars to Bro^r. Patrick M^cKiernan, lately arrived from Ireland.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, of the 22nd May last, was read and Ordered to be placed among the Archives of this G. L. Expulsions communicated thereby, Viz : J—— W—— D—— from N^o 12 ; A—— P—— from N^o 6 ; J—— L—— and S—— W—— from N^o 8.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of the 1st April last, was read and Ordered to be placed among the Archives of this G. L.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was read, dated 4 May, 1802, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Mary-

land, of the 11th November last, was read and Ordered to be placed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

It Communicated the Rejection of R—— M—— and the Expulsion of W—— C—— from Lodge N^o 29 under their Jurisdiction.

A Communication from a French Lodge held at Marseilles, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Memorial of D—— L—— entering his Appeal from the Vote of Expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 66 was read. It not appearing that Notice was given by Bro^r Lewis to Lodge N^o 66 of his said Appeal, agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. Ordered, that the same lie on the Table.

The Petition of Lodge N^o 81 at Germantown, praying for permission to hold a Procession was read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following rejections of Candidates were Communicated by Lodge N^o 9, Viz: J—— M^cS——, Porter; J—— K——, Burr Millstone Maker.

Return of Members of Lodge N^o 68 was received and read, returning 21 Members, and the Expulsion of J—— M^cC——.

Also Account of their Grand Lodge dues up to December 27th last.

A Copy of the proceedings of the Lodge held at New Hope, Bucks County, under Dispensation was received, together with a Copy of their Bye Laws.

The Committee appointed on the 21st December last, to make enquiry respecting the Charges made by Bro^r F. J. Haller against Lodge N^o 56 made their Report which was read and is in the words following, Viz:

“We the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, December 21st, 5801, for the purpose of Investigating the foregoing Charges, Respectfully beg leave to Report. That on a full Examination of the same are clearly of opinion that all the charges therein contained are fully substantiated except charge N^o 4 which they conceive not to be under their Jurisdiction.”

“isdiction but do recommend the Consideration of the same
“to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.”

(Sign'd)

“JOS. CLOUD.

“THO^r. HENNESSY.

“JOHN UHLE.

“ROB^r. PULLEN.”

which Report was accepted.

Ordered, That the Warrant of said Lodge N^o. 56 be Vacated and that the same be Surrendered to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Committee of purchase and Building write to Bro^r. John M^cElwee, former G. Treasurer (who is now at Baltimore) informing him that a purchase has been made of a building for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge and requesting to pay his Debt to the Grand Lodge, and that, in Case of his failing to discharge the same, the said Committee have Authority to inform him that unless he discharge the said Debt this G. Lodge will Communicate his Conduct to the different Grand Lodges.

Resolved, that the said Debt owing from Bro^r. M^cElwee shall when received be at the disposal of the Committee of purchase and Building for the purpose of completing the building purchased.

The Minutes of the Committee of Purchase and Building of their different Meetings had from the commencement up to the 5th Instant were read and approved of. It appeared by said Minutes that said Committee had purchased from William Hunter a certain Three Story Brick Messuage and Lot of Ground situate on the South side of Filbert Street, between Eighth and Ninth Streets in the City of Philadelphia for the price of Three Thousand Dollars.

Note. The Deed of Conveyance for said property is Dated the 29th May, 1802, it is from William Hunter of Philadelphia, Coachmaker, and Martha his Wife, to Jonathan Bayard Smith, the present Grand Master, James Milnor, the present Deputy Grand Master, John W. Van Cleve, the present Senior Grand Warden, Ebenezer Ferguson, the present Junior Grand Warden, Gavin Hamilton, the present Grand Treasurer, and George Adam Baker, the present Grand Secretary of this

Grand Lodge, as Joint Tenants in Fee, the property is thus described, Viz: "All that certain Three Story Brick Messuage
"and Lot or piece of Ground thereunto belonging, situate,
"lying and being on the South side of Filbert Street between
"Eighth and Ninth Streets from the River Delaware in the
"said City of Philadelphia, Beginning at the North West
"Corner of a Lot formerly of James Byrnes, now of the Heirs
"of Townsend Speakman, thence along the Southern Line of
"Filbert Street, Westward Thirty Six Feet and Three Inches
"to the middle of a certain Nine Feet wide Alley leading to a
"Thirty Feet Square Open Court or Square lying between the
"said premises and High Street, thence along the Middle of
"the same Alley Southward, Seventy Five Feet, thence re-
"turning across the Easternmost Half of the same Alley and
"by other Ground now or late of the said William Hunter,
"Thirty Six Feet and Three Inches to the Line of the said
"Lot of Ground now of the Heirs of Townsend Speakman and
"thence by the same Northward Seventy Five Feet to the
"place of Beginning together with the Privilege of the said
"Open Court or Square and of the said Nine Feet wide Alley
"respectively." And is granted upon the following Trust,
Viz: "Upon this Special Trust and Confidence and to the
"sole intent and purpose That they the said Jonathan Bayard
"Smith, James Milnor, John W. Van Cleve, Ebenezer Fergu-
"son, Gavin Hamilton and George Adam Baker and the Sur-
"vivors and Survivor of them and the Heirs of the Survivor
"stand seized of the same to and for the Use of 'The Grand
"Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto
"belonging.' And that they the said Jonathan Bayard
"Smith, James Milnor, John W. Van Cleve, Ebenezer Fergu-
"son, Gavin Hamilton and George Adam Baker and the Sur-
"vivors and Survivor of them and the Heirs of the Survivor
"by Deed or Deeds, grant and Convey the same in Fee Simple
"or otherwise in such manner as they 'the Grand Lodge of
"Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belong-
"ing' shall or may Order, Appoint and direct; And to and
"for no other Use, Intent and purpose whatsoever." And
said Deed is Recorded in the Office for Recording of Deeds,

&c., for the City and County of Philadelphia in Deed Book E. F. N^o. 8 page 365, &c.

Resolved, That the Trustees who hold the Building and Lot in Filbert Street purchased for this Grand Lodge be Authorized to Execute Mortgages or such other legal Instruments of Writing in the Nature of Mortgages as shall be devised by the Committee of purchase and Building unto such of the Lodges as have already or shall hereafter make Loans to the Grand Lodge on Account of the purchase and Completion of the said Building.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

St. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Thursday 24th June, Anno Lucis 5802.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Israel Israel, Esq^r. R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Gavin Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

“ Robert Lewis, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Peter Paris, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 65, 67, 68, 72, 77 and 87 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Lodges were severally called on for their Returns, when the following Returns were received and read, Viz :

Election Return of Lodge N^o 2, returning Bro^r Joseph Burden, W. M^r.; Bro^r Thomas Marshall, S. W.; Bro^r Thomas Tatem, J. W.; Bro^r John Phillips, Secretary; Bro^r Charles Hassells, Treasurer.

Election Return of Lodge N^o 3, returning Bro^r John Alexander, W. M.; Bro^r John Hoover, S. W.; Bro^r Joseph Clay, J. W.

Election Return of Lodge N^o 9, returning Bro^r Alexander M^cAlister, W. M.; Bro^r Archibald M^cConaghy, S. W.; Bro^r Robert Alexander, J. W.; Bro^r James Murtaugh, Secretary; Bro^r Thomas Cave, Treasurer.

Election Return of Lodge N^o 19, returning Bro^r Ebenezer Ferguson, W. M.; Bro^r William S. Revoudt, S. W.; Bro^r Henry Holdship, J. W.; Bro^r David Coombs, Secretary; Bro^r Frederick Erringer, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 19 Members.

Election Return of Lodge N^o 51, returning Bro^r Robert Lewis, W. M^r.; Bro^r Samuel Watt, S. W.; Bro^r Robert Poalk, J. W.; Bro^r Edward Thursby, Secretary; Bro^r Henry Beck, Treasurer.

Election Return of Lodge N^o 72, returning Bro^r Christian Sheetz, W. M^r.; Bro^r Joseph Blame, S. W.; Bro^r Anthony Steel, J. W.; Bro^r Patrick E. Whelan, Secretary; Bro^r Henry Rees, Treasurer.

Returns of Lodge N^o 81, Viz: Election Return, returning Bro^r John Sellers, W. M^r.; Bro^r William Leeson, S. W.; Bro^r David Cowden, J. W.; Bro^r Thomas Norton, Secretary; Bro^r Anthony Hargesheimer, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 30 Members.

The Report of Bro^r Charles Wheeler (Endorsed on Dispensation) of his having duly Constituted Lodge N^o 92 on the 24th Day of March last, was received and read and Ordered to be filed.

The Petition of divers Brethren of the Lodge lately held under Dispensation at New Hope, Corryells Ferry, Bucks County, was read. It prayed the Grand Lodge to grant them a Warrant for holding a Lodge at said place to be called "Orange Lodge," that Bro^r Cornelius Coolbaugh, may be named Master; Bro^r Robert T. Neely, Senior Warden; and

Bro^r. John Lambert, Junior, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered Unanimously, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 94.

The Committee appointed on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 84 made Report, which was read and is in the words following, Viz: "We the Committee appointed by the R. W. G. L. of Pennsylvania to Examine and Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 84, Beg Leave to Report. That We have Examined the said Bye Laws and find nothing contained in them Unmasonick, And recommend the Word *Rejected* to be inserted after the word 'been' in the Sixth Line of the Sixteenth Section and before the word 'Suspended' in the Seventh Line, then it will read *Rejected, Suspended or Expelled*."

(Sign'd)

"ANDREW NILSON.

"CADWALLADER GRIFFITH.

"DANIEL M^cKARAHER."

which Report was Adopted.

Brother Israel Israel informed the Lodge that he had in his possession Two Large China Bowls, the property of this Grand Lodge, also sundry Jewells, Aprons, &c., which he had found in the House of Bro^r. M^cElwee, former Grand Treasurer, and desired to be informed to whom he should deliver them.

Ordered, That Brother Israel deliver the same to the Grand Treasurer for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

By reason of the Yellow Fever raging in Philadelphia the Grand Lodge did not meet to hold their Quarterly Communication on the First Monday in September, 5802.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, 15th November, A. L. 5802.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Israel Israel, Esq^r. Past R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. S. Grand Warden,
P. T.

“ Cadwallader Griffiths, R. W. J. Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Past Grand Secretary.

“ Robert Lewis, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Andrew Nilson, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Gavin Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 12, 43, 45, 47, 51, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72, 76, 77, 87
and 91 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. G. M. informed the Brethren that they had been convened in consequence of a request made of him by the Building Committee for the purpose of receiving the Report of the said Committee respecting the Building.

This meeting of the G. L. being for a special purpose, Resolved, That no Visitors be admitted this Evening.

Brother Milnor, Chairman of the Building Committee, Reported the state of the Building in Filbert Street, by which it appeared that the G. Lodge Room in the said Building is nearly finished, but that the other parts of the Building are not in so forward a state. Bro^r. Milnor presented statements of Monies received and paid by the Committee and of the Debts now owing by them as also Estimates of the probable Cost of the work remaining to be done, from all which it appeared

That the whole of the Monies received by the said Committee,

being the grant made by this G. Lodge, the Loans obtained from Subordinate Lodges, and Donations received from Individual Brethren Amounted to \$5215.

That the Monies paid by the said Committee for the purchase and building, Amount to 5214.63

That there now rests in the Hands of the Treasurer of the said Committee the balance of37

And That a Sum of about \$3000, will be required to discharge the Debts now owing by the Committee and completely finish the said Building.

Resolved, That the Sum of \$100 presented by Lodge N^o. 77 on S^t John's Day, June, 5800, "to be applied towards the "purchasing or Building a place suitable for the Meetings of "the G. Lodge," now resting in the Hands of the R. W. G. M. with the Interest Accrued thereon, And the Sum of \$300, of Monies in the Hands of the Grand Treasurer, be appropriated to the Use of the Building Committee to be by them applied towards the discharge of Debts and compleating the said Building.

Resolved, That Brothers Gavin Hamilton, Cadwallader Griffith, John P. Hood, George A. Baker, Ezekiel Howell and John Smith be a Committee to procure Subscriptions in Aid of the Building in Filbert Street, and that they pay over the Monies as by them received into the Hands of the Building Committee.

Resolved, That the Building in Filbert Street purchased and prepared for the Use of this Grand Lodge be called and known by the Name of "The Pennsylvania Free Mason's Hall."

Resolved, That the Building Committee have an Inscription engraved on Copper or other lasting substance commemorative of the Time when the Building of the Hall was commenced or undertaken, to be put up in the inside of the Hall.

Resolved, That the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge be held at their Hall.

Resolved, That there be a procession held on S^t John's Day next, on the Occasion of Dedicating the Hall, and that Bro^r^m Israel Israel, Cadwallader Griffith, John Smith, Peter Le Barbier Duplessis and Robert Pullen be a Committee to make the necessary Arrangements.

Resolved, That if any Brother shall be intoxicated or behave irregular during the Procession or during the Course of the Day he shall be Reported to the Grand Lodge by the Committee of Arrangement.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th December, A. L. 5802.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Israel Israel, Esq^r. R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George Morton, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Past J. Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Gavin Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Robert Lewis, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, 87 and 91 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the different Communications held since the Grand Quarterly Communication in June last, were read.

Bro^r Duplessis communicated that he had received information that a Warrant for holding a Lodge in S^t Domingo had been granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge lately established by this Grand Lodge in that Island.

Ordered, That the said Lodge be Numbered 95.

A Petition was read from divers Brethren praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at the Village of New-Ark, New Castle County, in the State of Delaware, to be called "The Delaware Hiram Lodge," and that Bro^m George Read might be named Master; John M^cBeth, Senior Warden, and Samuel Meteer, Junior Warden of the same, which Petition being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On Motion, Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 96.

The Petition of Bro^r Thomas Flannery, of Lodge N^o. 496 on the Registry of Ireland, praying for Assistance was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

This being the Evening appointed by the Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Officers, the Grand Lodge now proceeded to the Election when the following Brethren were duly elected Officers for the ensuing Year commencing on S^t John's Day next, Viz :

Bro^r Israel Israel, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

" Doct^r John Armantiere Monges, R. W. D. G. Master.

" Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. S. Grand Warden.

" Robert C. Latimer, R. W. J. Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

It being declared in the 25th Section of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge "That there shall be no Processions but with consent of Two Thirds of the Members present at the Communication next preceding the Feast of S^t John when the same is to take place," which having been considered

Resolved Unanimously, That the Resolution of the 15th November last, respecting the holding a Procession on S^t John's Day next, and the appointment of a Committee of Arrangements for that purpose be confirmed.

Resolved Unanimously, That the Resolution of the 15th November, charging the Committee of Arrangements to Report Brethren who should behave irregular, to the Grand Lodge be annulled.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Brother William Francis, for his kind attention to the welfare of our Institution, by granting leave to this Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges to meet in this Room at a Time when they were all destitute of a place of Meeting.

Resolved Unanimously, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary present to Brother Francis a Copy of the above Resolution.

A Report of the Committee of Correspondence on divers Communications referr'd to them was laid on the Table.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to Monday next the 13th Instant at 2 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 13th December, A. L. 5902.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Sen^r. Grand Warden,
P. T.

“ Robert C. Latimer, R. W. Jun^r. Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Sen^r. Grand Deacon.

“ Andrew Nilson, Jun^r. Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Felix McCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 59, 67, 68, 72, 76, 77 and 87 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the Communication of the 6th Instant were read.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, dated the 16th July, was read and Ordered to be placed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It communicated the Names of their Grand Officers, being

Bro^r. William Stephens, R. W. G. M.

“ William Stith, R. W. D. G. M.

“ Ulric Tobler, R. W. S. G. W.

“ George Jones, R. W. J. G. W.

“ James Robertson, R. W. G. Treas^r.

“ John I. Gray, R. W. G. Secretary.

and a List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction being 21 in Number.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, dated the 27th June last, was read and Ordered to be placed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It communicated the Names of their Grand Officers, being

Bro^r. Alexander M^cRea, R. W. G. M.

“ James Byrne, R. W. D. G. M.

“ William W. Hening, R. W. S. G. W.

“ Philip Dawe, R. W. J. G. W.

“ William H. Fitzwhylsonn, R. W. G. Secr^y.

“ Joseph Darmstadt, R. W. G. Treas^r.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland dated the 10th May last, was read and Ordered to be placed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It communicated the Names of their Grand Officers, being

Bro^r. John Crawford, R. W. G. M.

“ Roger Nelson, R. W. D. G. M.

“ William Bull, R. W. S. G. W.

“ Jesse Green, R. W. J. G. W.

“ Samuel Vincent, R. W. G. Secr^y.

“ James L. Hawkin, D. G. Secr^y.

“ William M^cDonald, G. Treas^r.

A Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey, was read and refer^r'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon. It communicated, among other Things, the Names of their Grand Officers, being

Bro^r. John Beatty, R. W. G. M.

- Bro^r. Joseph Reed, R. W. D. G. M.
 “ William M^cKissack, R. W. S. G. W.
 “ Thomas Anderson, R. W. J. G. W.
 “ Maskell Ewing, R. W. G. Treas^r.
 “ Jacob Benjamin, R. W. G. Secry.

and a List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction being 16 in Number.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, dated the 20th November last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to Answer. It communicated the Names of their Grand Officers, being

- Bro^r. Moses Seixas, R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Ephraim Bowen, R. W. Dep^y. Grand Master.
 “ John L. Boss, R. W. Sen^r. Grand Warden.
 “ Thomas S. Webb, R. W. Jun^r. Grand Warden.
 “ Thomas Handy, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Jeremiah F. Jenkins, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Expulsion of A—— O—— for the Term of 77 Years from 2nd July last, on Account of Misconduct, and the Suspension of N—— P—— and T—— T. P——, for Non-Payment of Dues from Lodge N^o. 9 was communicated by said Lodge.

A Communication was received from L. N^o. 12 accompanying their Return of Members up to S^t John's Day in June last, and informing of the Expulsion of J—— T. ——, late Master Elect of said Lodge in the following words, Viz:
 “ J—— T. G—— having been elected Master of Lodge N^o. 12,
 “ soon after his Election a Complaint was lodged against him
 “ for a breach of One of the essential Obligations of a Master
 “ Mason, which charge was proved to the satisfaction of the
 “ Lodge. It was however determined in a Masters Lodge that
 “ they had not Authority to expel him, in as much as he was
 “ *ex Officio* a Member of the Grand Lodge, they however re-
 “ solved to suspend him, and in a Past Masters Lodge called
 “ for that special purpose he was deemed unworthy of receiv-
 “ ing any of the rights, benefits or privileges of Masonry, and
 “ was Expelled accordingly for Crim. Con. with a B. W.”
 Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary Write to Lodge N^o. 12 informing them that J—— T. G—— having been a Member of the Grand Lodge in Virtue of the Office he fill'd as Master of the Lodge, but that so soon as he ceased to be the Officer from any circumstance whatever, any special connection with the Grand Lodge ceased and that Lodge N^o. 12 therefore had full Jurisdiction over him, And that the Grand Lodge are pleased with the Attention that in this Instance they, Lodge N^o. 12, have paid to their supposed Duties to the Grand Lodge.

A Letter from J—— T. G——, dated 12 June last, was read, it complained of said Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 12 and requested the Grand Lodge to remove it that he might have it in his power to bring forward testimony in his behalf. On Consideration, Ordered, That the G. Secretary inform Bro^r. G—— that if he means his said Letter as an Appeal it will be necessary for him to take the steps pointed out by the Regulations of the G. Lodge.

A Communication from Lodge N^o. 19, informing of the expulsion of W—— E——, Attorney at Law, was read.

A Petition from Bro^r. William Hopkins, a Member of Lodge N^o. 46 was read, and is in the words following, to wit:
 “To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
 “Most Worthy and well beloved Brethren: Justice and equity
 “impel me to address you, praying that you may benevolently
 “grant me the privilege of laying before you a statement of
 “the injuries which I have unjustly received from the Lodge
 “N^o. 46 held in Ephrata, Lancaster County. With reluct-
 “ance I must inform you, that their conduct is such as is not
 “consistent with the genuine principles of Free Masonry.
 “Their Conduct, Worthy Brethren, to me is so degrading to
 “the Glorious Institution, that if a remedy is not taken by
 “you (the only source of redress) it may become dangerous,
 “yea, fatal to the Craft. A recital of their transgressions, in
 “this, is unnecessary, as I earnestly pray that you may point
 “out a mode by which the whole Affair may be examined be-
 “fore you, and in so doing you will do Justice to Masonry,
 “and to your injured Brother.

“June 26th, 1802.”

(Sign'd)

W^m. HOPKINS.”

The above Petition was accompanied with the following Charges, Viz :

“ A Statement of Charges against Lodge N^o. 46 held at Ephrata, in Lancaster County, brought by Bro. W^m. Hopkins which was a Member of s^d. Lodge for 18 Months, 12th July, 1802.

“ Charge the 1st. Charge is I think them incapable of holding a Lodge as the do not keep Regular Minnits of there Proceeding.

“ 2^{ndly}. That the By Laws has not been Read or Signed by the Members nor even agreed to by the Bodey during my stay with them.

“ 3^{rdly}. That the presant Members which only Consists of 5 or 6 holds all the propertia s^d. Lodge and notwithstanding has Petitioned the G^r. Lodge for a forgiveness of their dues. Which propertia was Purtychased by the Members while at Churchtown and since the Remouvell has not attended the Lodge Since nor do the mean to attend.

“ 4^{thly}. I finding there Conduct as Maisons in my Opponion was un Missonck and by No means coming Up to the Rules of Masonery I thought proper to Applie for a Certificcate and to withdrew from them when I appliade the Master told mee I should have now Certificate nor be a member nor a Visitor, Notwithstanding I Shewed him the Certificate I had from N^o. 11 at London Grove, nor would not Give one though willing to pay my thues at aney time and offered So to doe.

“ It is altogether for the Sake and Love I have for Masonery that Causes Mee to Brig this forroward and through no Spite to any invedueal of the Body.

“ As Witness my Hand,

(Sign'd)

“ W^m. HOPKINS.”

“ To the R. W. G. L.”

Which said Petition and Charges were referred to the present Masters of Lodges N^o. 2, 3, 9, 51 and 52, to wit: Bro^{rs}. Joseph Burden, John Alexander, Alexander M^cAlister, Robert Lewis and John Conrad, to examine and Report thereon. Election Return of Lodge N^o. 52 was read, returning Bro^r.

John Conrad, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Savage Stilwell, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Wallas, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Passey, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

A Communication from Lodge N^o. 64, dated the 16th September last, informing of the Expulsion of George Armstrong, Esq^r. was read; and thereupon Another Communication from the same Lodge, dated the 15th November last, was read stating that said G. Armstrong had made such Acknowledgments to the Lodge as were satisfactory to them and therefore request the Grand Lodge that he may be restored, stating that they are not afraid of misconduct on their part that they interest themselves in his favour, but that they hope his repentance is sincere and expect he will be forgiven from a Rule laid down by the Grand Master of the Universe who has offered Pardon to all those who will Accept them on his own Terms, therefore, they wish to follow the Grand example forget and forgive.

On Consideration, Ordered, That the Grand Secretary write to Lodge N^o. 64, informing them that the Grand Lodge are pleased with their determination to support the Reputation of the Craft by their former proceedings, and on the other hand are happy to find that Masonic influence has restored a fallen Brother to a sense of propriety and actuated the Lodge with a spirit of peace and Benignity.

Return of Members of Lodge N^o. 67, up to S^t John's Day last, was read, returning 41 Members. Also their Election Return of S^t John's Day last, returning Bro^r. Peter Paris, W. M.; Bro^r. Charles Cummins, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Belsterling, J. W.; Bro^r. Lodewyk Sharpe, Secretary; Bro^r. Adam Eckfeldt, Treasurer. And Communication of the Suspension of G—— R—— for One Year from 25 June last.

Election Return of Lodge N^o. 68, of June last, was read, returning Bro^r. Ezra Doty, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Laird, S. W.; Bro^r. James Mackey, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sterrett, Secretary, Bro^r. Roswell Doty, Treasurer.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodge N^o. 70 were read, Viz: Return of Members up to Decem^r. 1801, returning 33 Members. Election Return of December, 1801, returning

Bro^r. Joseph Kingsbury, W. M.; Bro^r. Elisha Satterlee, S. W.; Bro^r. William W. Spalding, J. W.; Bro^r. David Paine, Secretary; Bro^r. John Spalding, Treasurer. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to December, 1801. A Commission under the Hand of the W. M^r. and the Seal of the Lodge, dated the 27th December, 1801, appointing Bro^r. George A. Baker their Proxy to represent them in this Grand Lodge, was read and Bro^r. Baker recognized as Proxy of said Lodge.

A Letter from Bro^r. Joseph Kingsbury, W. M^r. of said Lodge, dated 16 July, 1802, was read, it had enclosed \$50 on Account of their Grand Lodge dues. It stated that they had had several indigent but worthy Brethren to assist in Charity the present Year, so that, with the said remittance of \$50, their Funds were quite exhausted. It particularly mentions the uncommon afflictions of Bro^r. C. Bringham this Season, his having buried Two Sons, the Third (and only One left) as also his Wife and Daughter Dangerously Ill at the Time of writing said Letter, And that it was absolutely necessary he should have that Assistance which they were in duty bound to bestow. That from circumstances like this their Funds were not in an ostensible point of View, therefore requesting the Grand Lodge to exonerate them from the payment of their Grand Lodge Dues for One Year and thereby enable them to reach forth the Hand of Benevolence to contribute to the relief of the unfortunate and assist all who stand in need of their Friendship.

On Consideration the same was referr'd to Bro^{rs}. Pullen, Barker and Lewis to examine into and Report thereon.

The Committee appointed on the Appeal of Ja^s. Strain, George Strain and John Strain, made the 21st April, 1800, made their Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Senior and
“Junior Wardens and Junior Deacons and the rest of the
“Worthy Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The
“Undermentioned report of Your Committee appointed by
“Your special Order to attend as Referrees in some Cases re-
“specting the Conduct of Mess^{rs}. William Strain, Ja^s. Strain

“and John Strain, Members of Lodge N^o. 80 on the Turnpike
 “Road about 41 Miles from Philadelphia, Humbly Sheweth.
 “That We met agreeable to Your Orders, proceeded to the
 “business and after due examination and hearing the Allega-
 “tions of both parties and discussed the same are of Opinion
 “that the above named William Strain, James Strain and
 “John Strain ought to be restored to their former situations
 “in the above mentioned Lodge. We are with all due respect
 “Your Friends and Brothers

(Sign'd)

“W^m. WORTHINGTON.

“JAMES BONES.

“JOHN G. BULL.”

which Report was Adopted.

A Communication from Lodge N^o. 80, informing of the Ex-
 pulsion of J—— M—— for Six Months from 20th November
 last, was read ; it further informed that if not behaving him-
 self as a Mason ought for to do he is solemnly Excluded for-
 ever.

Report of Lodge N^o. 94 having been duly Constituted the
 7th July last, was read.

The Committee on Correspondence made Report on several
 Communications referred to them, which Report was read
 and is in the Words following, Viz :

“The Grand Committee of Correspondence to whom were
 “referred the several Communications from the R. W. Grand
 “Lodges of Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky,
 “New Hampshire, England and Scots Lodge at Marseille in
 “France do report, that they have considered the said Com-
 “munications and find, That the Grand Lodge of Massachu-
 “setts do agree with this Grand Lodge and are of Opinion
 “that the Establishment of a Superintending Grand Lodge
 “for all North America would not be expedient and are not
 “disposed to form such a Federation, but desire that a more
 “frequent Correspondence be kept up between the several
 “Grand Lodges, and that the Regulations, Bye Laws and
 “manner of working were uniform and with that view have
 “made it a constant rule to communicate to all the Grand
 “Lodges in the United States their Book of Constitutions,

“every new Regulation passed and whatever they thought
“could be an interesting Article of information and to request
“such Communications in return. They express a desire to
“receive Letters from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with
“such Rules and Orders as they may have adopted for the
“good of Masonry. Their Communication of May 11th 1801,
“contains a List of the Grand Officers for that Year, and is
“subscribed by T. M. Harris, Corresponding Secretary.

“Their next and last Communication is of March 4th 1802,
“subscribed by the same. It mentions an Order from the
“Grand Lodge enjoining it upon their Corresponding Secre-
“tary to transmit Copies of the Rules they adopt and the
“Regulations they pass to the several Grand Lodges with
“whom they Correspond in the hope of receiving the like
“Communications in return, and that the result might be
“mutual information and Advantage and some general Agree-
“ment as in the great principles of the Institution so likewise
“as far as local Circumstances will admit, even in lesser ar-
“rangements and regulations.

“It also mentions that the great increase of Lodges under
“their Jurisdiction and the remoteness of many of them from
“the Metropolis rendered it extremely difficult, and in some
“instances impossible for the Officers of the Grand Lodge to
“Visit them so frequently as their Rules and their Welfare
“required, they have accordingly divided them into Districts,
“all the Lodges in which are to be under the inspection, &c.,
“of a District Deputy Grand Master agreeably to the purport
“of a printed paper inclosed.

“No change in the List of Grand Officers since the last
“Communication, nor anything special occurred.

“It expresses the hope of Letters and Communications from
“this Grand Lodge and wishes for their encreasing prosperity.

“The Printed paper contains the Report of the Committee,
“under the Date of December 14th 1801, on the Rules, &c.,
“for dividing the Lodges into Districts, regulates the price for
“Making, Crafting and Raising Masons through the Jurisdic-
“tion, and fixes the price of New Warrant, or Charters to
“*Seventy Five Dollars.*

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, contains a Resolution concerning persons rejected in a Lodge who shall not be accepted or initiated in any other Lodge without the consent of the Lodge to which they first applied. The Secretary of the Lodge to give Notice to the Grand Secretary who shall communicate the same to all subordinate Lodges under their Jurisdiction.

“Another Resolution forbidding any Lodge initiating any person or persons who shall apply for that purpose, when there is a Lodge of Masons held nearer to his or their residence than the one to which he or they apply, without the consent of that Lodge except Seamen.

“And another, That if any Brother who does not immediately belong to a Lodge shall demean himself in an unmasonic manner, the Lodge which shall be nearest the residence of such Brother shall take his Conduct into Consideration and inflict such punishment as the Rules of Masonry may Authorize, the Brother being duly summoned, &c.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, contains a Resolution concerning the inexpediency and impropriety of establishing a National Grand Lodge and recommend a Grand Convention of Masons to be held at the City of Washington not oftener than once in Three Years.

“A Resolution that when Two Thirds of the Grand Lodges concur, the First Convention be held with all convenient speed, the Deputation from their Grand Lodge not to exceed Three.

“Another resolution, that no Master of a Lodge nor Regular Past Master without his own consent previously obtained, be called to Account or tried for misconduct before any other Body than the Grand Lodge or a Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

“Another Resolution, that in order to promote Uniformity of working in the subordinate Lodges, the Grand Master nominated Annually some expert Masons, not less than Five in Number, whose Duty it shall be on the Second Night of every Grand Annual Communication to exemplify in open

“Lodge the manner of working in the Three Degrees of
“Masonry.

“Another Resolution, approving of the Establishment of
“the Grand Lodge in Kentucky.

“List of Suspensions, Expulsions, Officers, &c.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky,
“announces their separation from the Grand Lodge of Vir-
“ginia, their Establishment and Organization with the Ap-
“probation of the parent Grand Lodge and explains at large
“the motives which led to their separation. They offer a re-
“ciprocation of Correspondence and Communication with this
“Grand Lodge. It is subscribed by William Murray, Grand
“Master. It contains a List of their Grand Officers.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hamp-
“shire, expresses their disapprobation of a National Grand
“Lodge and their approbation of a Grand Convention of
“Masons at the City of Washington. It contains a List of
“their Grand Officers and subordinate Lodges and their Reg-
“ulations. The most remarkable differences between our and
“their regulations are

“1st. That the R. W. Grand Master nominates his successor
“subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, if such nomina-
“tion is not approved of a Ballot takes place.

“2nd. The Grand Master appoints his Deputy. The Com-
“munication is signed L. Spalding, Grand Secretary.

“The Communications from the Grand Lodge of North
“Carolina, announce their having granted a Warrant for a
“Lodge to be held at Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, by

“the Name of Tennessee, N^o. 41, directed to His Excellency
“John Savier, Esquire, Governor of the State, &c.

“Bro^r. Elliss, a Representative from Three different Lodges
“at the Communication of the Grand Lodge December 3rd,
“1800, claimed a Vote for each Lodge in all Elections.
“Whereupon, it was resolved, that Bro^r. Elliss could Vote in
“One Capacity only, to which Bro^r. Elliss entered his Protest.

“The Meetings of the Grand Lodge are most generally held
“on Sunday.

“December 14th, 1800. Whereas, a Resolution passed on
“Wednesday, the 3rd Instant, declaring that no Brother had a
“right to give more than One Vote on any Question or Elec-
“tion made or to be held in this Grand Lodge, although he
“might be a Representative at the same Time from Two or
“more Lodges, And Whereas, many of the Members now pres-
“ent and were present and Voted for the adoption of that
“resolution, have declared that they were not content with the
“said Vote and that on a more mature Consideration they de-
“clared their minds to have Changed. It is therefore Re-
“solved, that the aforesaid Resolution be rescinded and made
“Null.

“The Expulsion of G—— E——, Esq^r. from Lodge Unan-
“imity, N^o. 34 at Rockford, Surry County, referred to the Con-
“sideration of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand
“Treasurer for them to make Report of their proceedings at
“the next Grand Annual Communication.

“A List of Lodges under their Jurisdiction being 41, also
“of the Grand Officers for 1802. The Communications are
“Signed Robert Williams, G^d. Secretary.

“The Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of
“England, Signed by the R. W. Thomas Harper, Deputy
“Grand Master, transmits the Circular Letters of Three pre-
“ceding Communications. They Announce the encreasing
“prosperity of the Ancient Craft which has recently been
“made the object of the protection and worthy the Encourage-
“ment of the Legislature.

“ The Master of every Lodge is to make a Return on Oath
 “ of all and every Member of his Lodge, to be Registered with
 “ the Clerk of the Peace on or before the 25th Day of March in
 “ every Year, the Return to contain the Names, profession and
 “ place of Residence of every Member agreeably to a late Act
 “ of Parliament.

“ There is a Circular Letter from the Grand Secretary to the
 “ different Lodges informing them of the severe loss the Breth-
 “ ren have sustained by the Death of R. W. Bro^r. William
 “ Dickey, Esquire, late Deputy Grand Master, after having
 “ been Thirty Seven Years Zealously devoted to the service of
 “ the Ancient Craft and a recommendation to the different
 “ Lodges to make Regular Communications of the progress
 “ and state of their Lodges, to be early in registering their
 “ New Admitted Brethren, to be punctual in Contributing to
 “ the Fund of Charity and above all to be studious to preserve
 “ Temperance and strictly to abide by the sacred principles of
 “ Masonry.

“ The R. W. Deputy Grand Master expresses the high Sense
 “ the Grand Lodge entertain of the Connexion and that it is
 “ their most anxious desire to continue an uniform Correspon-
 “ dence with the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“ Each Circular contains the List of the Grand Officers, of
 “ Contributions to the Fund, of Expulsions, &c.

“ The Communication from the Lodge S^t John of Scotland,
 “ the Scotch Mother Lodge of Marseille in France, is a Circular
 “ addressed by them to other Lodges informing them of the
 “ resuming of their works and expressing a wish to correspond
 “ with them in order to draw closer the sweet ties that unite
 “ them and to encrease the Acts of Humanity and Beneficence
 “ which are the true Characteristics of our Ancient and Sub-
 “ lime Institution. The Circular is accompanied with Two
 “ Lists of the Officers and Members of the said Lodge being
 “ above Two Hundred and Fifty.

“ The Circular is Signed by the W^l. Master and Officers.

(Signed)

“ JAMES MILNOR.

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.”

Said Report of the Committee of Correspondence was accompanied with Copies of Two Letters written by them, as follows, Viz :

“The R^t W^l William Murray, Esquire,

“Grand Master of Kentucky.

“R^t W^l Sir and Brother,

“Permit us and in the Name and behalf of the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania to Acknowledge the Receipt of your esteemed favour of March 7th. 5801, and to congratulate your R. W. G. Lodge on their Establishment. The G. Lodge of Pennsylvania could but approve the Motives which have induced the Brethren of the State of Kentucky to separate from the Jurisdiction of their parent G. Lodge of Virginia and to form a G. Lodge of their own. We have seen with pleasure, by a Communication from the G. Lodge of Virginia, that those Motives have met with their unanimous approbation. We are convinced that Masonry will derive a real advantage from such a measure, poor unfortunate Brethren will find a more speedy relief to their Distress, Irregularities will be prevented or repressed without delay, a uniformity in the work of the different Lodges will be more easily promoted, and the proper regulations will be from Time to Time proposed, discussed and adopted by the Grand Lodge with the participation of the subordinate Lodges.

“We are instructed by the R. W. G. Lodge to inform you that they most cordially agree to the Brotherly intercourse and Correspondence proposed by your R. W. G. Lodge, convinced that it will be equally serviceable to both Grand Lodges and always promote the Honour, advancement and respectability of the Craft. We will seize every opportunity to renew to them every sentiment of Brotherly Love, Esteem and respect. We are with the best wishes for the prosperity of your R. W. G. Lodge, the increase of the Craft under their Jurisdiction, and your personal Welfare.

“R. W. Sir and Brother

“Your Affectionate Friends and Brother,
(Sign'd) “PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“JAMES MILNOR.

“Committee of Correspondence.

“The R. W. Thomas Harper, Esq^r” Deputy G. Master of the
 “R. W. Grand Lodge of England.

“R. W. Sir and Brother.

“We are directed by the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania
 “to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Communication of
 “August 27th, 5801, enclosing the Circulars of your R. W.
 “Grand Lodge of December, 1800, March and June, 1801.
 “The G. Lodge of Pennsylvania rejoice at the increasing pros-
 “perity of the Ancient Craft under your Jurisdiction, and at
 “the protection and encouragement they have received from
 “the Legislature. They sincerely lament with you the severe
 “loss you and the Craft in general have sustained by the
 “Death of the R. W. William Dickey, Esq^r” your late Deputy
 “Grand Master whom Thirty Seven Years Zealous services,
 “knowledge and abilities had so justly entitled to the respect,
 “Gratitude and regret of the Brethren.

“We are instructed to Assure You of the desire and inten-
 “tion of our R. W. Grand Lodge to continue an uniform Cor-
 “respondence with Your R. W. G. Lodge which shall be in
 “future duly attended to on their part.

“We beg you would present our fraternal respects to the R.
 “W. G. Master and the rest of the Grand Officers of Your
 “Grand Lodge and believe us to be with Brotherly regard,

“R. W. Sir and Bro^r,

“Your Affectionate Friends and Brothers,

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“JAMES MILNOR.”

Committee of Correspondence.

Which Report and proceedings of the said Committee were approved of.

The following Resolution was offered by Bro^r. Lewis and Seconded.

“In Consequence of Bro^r. William Francis’s Fraternal af-
 “fection to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Subordi-
 “nate Lodges under their Jurisdiction in providing them a
 “Temple to work in during the building of their permanent
 “Hall, Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be requested
 “to cause Bro^r. Francis to be passed to the Chair, and that a

“suitable Jewel and Apron be presented to him in Addition “to the Vote of Thanks already presented to him.” The Consideration of which Resolution was postponed.

Bro^{rs} Milnor, Duplessis and Lewis were appointed to form the Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

St. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Monday, 27th December, 'A. L. 5802.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Agreeably to the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 6th Instant and to the Arrangement made by the Committee appointed for that purpose, the Brethren assembled at the Church of the Universalists in Lombard Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets, at Nine o'clock in the Morning and proceeded from thence at Half past Eleven o'clock in the following Order, (to wit)

1. Two Tylers with drawn Swords.
2. Music.
3. Two Brethren with Wands.
4. Master Masons Two and Two.
5. A Tyler with drawn Sword.
6. Two Brethren with Wands.
7. Secretaries and Treasurers Two and Two.
8. Two Brethren with Wands.
9. Past Masters Two and Two.
10. Two Brethren with Wands.
11. Wardens of Lodges Two and Two.
12. Two Brethren with Wands.
13. Masters of Lodges Two and Two.
14. Grand Tyler with drawn Sword.
15. Four Past Masters carrying the Lodge, covered with white Satin.

16. Two Past Masters carrying Silver Pitchers, containing Wine and Oil.
17. Past Masters carrying a Silver Pitcher, containing Corn.
18. Members of the Hall Committee Two and Two with White Wands.
19. Architect carrying Square, Level and plumb rule, with the Book of Architecture.
20. The First Light carried by the Master of a Lodge.
21. Past Grand Sword bearer with a drawn Sword.
22. Past Master, carrying the Bible, Square and Compass, on a Velvet Cushion supported by Two Past Masters.
23. Grand Chaplain.
24. Grand Secretary with the Bag.
25. Grand Treasurer with the staff.
26. The Second Light, carried by the Master of a Lodge.
27. Past Junior Grand Wardens.
28. Past Senior Grand Wardens.
29. Past Deputy Grand Masters.
30. Past Grand Masters.
31. The Third Light, carried by the Master of a Lodge.
32. Junior Grand Warden having the Junior Grand Warden Elect at his left Hand.
33. Senior Grand Warden having the Senior Grand Warden Elect at his left Hand.
34. Past Master carrying the Book of Constitutions.
35. Grand Sword bearer carrying the Sword of State.
36. Deputy Grand Master having the Deputy Grand Master Elect at his left Hand.
37. Grand Master, supported by the Grand Master Elect at his left Hand and Bro^r. John Beatty, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master of New Jersey at his Right Hand.
38. Grand Deacons with Wands.
39. Grand Pursuivant with drawn Sword.

When the Procession reached the Building the Brethren halted, opened their ranks and the R. W. Grand Master attended by the R. W. Bro^r. Beatty, Grand Master of New Jersey and followed by the Grand Officers and a very consid-

erable Number of Brethren were received in the outer Apartment under a display of Music. On the Grand Master reaching Solomon's Chair the present Grand Officers took their Seats and the Elect and Past Grand Officers, the Reverend Brethren, Members of the Hall Committee and other Brethren repaired to the seats prepared for them. The Grand Master being proclaimed, the Music performed a Grand piece till all the Members were seated. The Lodge was then placed in the Centre of the Hall and the Three Lights with the Three Silver Pitchers containing corn, Wine and Oil were placed thereon. The Bible, Square, Compasses and Book of Constitutions on a Crimson Velvet Cushion being placed on the Pedestal an Anthem was sung. The Grand Master Ordered the Lodge to be Tyled.

The following Lodges were represented, Viz :

- N^o. 2. Joseph Burden, M^r. Thomas Tatem, S. W.
 3. Joseph Clay, M^r. John Hoover, S. W., John Moore, J. W.
 9. Alexander M^cAlister, M^r. Archibald M^cConoghy, S. W.
 14. M^r.
 19. Ebenezer Ferguson, M^r. Frederick Erringer, S. W.
 21. Jonathan B. Smith, Proxy.
 41. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Proxy.
 45. Jonathan B. Smith, Proxy.
 46. Henry Ream, M^r.
 47. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Proxy.
 50. John Rowland, M^r.
 51. Robert Lewis, M^r.
 52. John Conrad, S. W., Savage Stilwell, J. W.
 59. Robert Jackson, M^r. William Sweeney, S. W.
 67. Charles Cummens, M^r. Adam Eckfeldt, S. W., Jn^o. Kannan, J. W.
 68. Andrew Nilson, Proxy.
 69. William Anderson, M^r.
 70. George A. Baker, Proxy.
 71. Andrew Montgomery, M^r. Jn^o. Scott, S. W., John Wray, J. W.

- 72. Anthony Steel, S. W., Martin Kasper, J. W.
- 76. Alexander Moore, Proxy.
- 77. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Proxy.
- 87. same. Proxy.
- 91. John Arabin, Mr. W^m. McCullagh, S. W., Jn^o. Sweeny,
J. W.

being Twenty Four Lodges.

The Lodge was then uncovered and Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form, when the Grand Master having mentioned to the Brethren that he was informed the Venerable and Reverend Bro^r. William Smith, D. D., Past Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Secretary, had composed a Prayer appropriate to the Day the said Brother Smith with the Concurrence of the Rev^d. Brother John Andrews, D. D., Grand Chaplain, delivered his prayer to the general satisfaction of the Brethren.

The Grand Secretary intimated the Architect's desire to return the implements entrusted to his Care. Whereupon, Brother Jackson, the Architect, addressed the Grand Master who expressed his high satisfaction at the completion of the Hall and commanded the Grand Wardens to receive back the implements which was complied with and they were laid on the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary then informed the Grand Master that it was the desire of the Society to have the Hall dedicated to Masonry, on which the Grand Master commanded his Officers to Assist in that pleasing Ceremony, the Music mean while playing. The Grand Officers then walked round the Lodge Three different Times stopping each Time for the Ceremony of dedication. At the end of the First Procession, the Music being silent, the Grand Master strewing Corn over the Lodge declared in solemn form the Hall dedicated to *Masonry*, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honours were given. At the end of the Second Procession, the Music being silent, the Grand Master pouring Wine over the Lodge declared in solemn form the Hall dedicated to *Virtue* and *Science*, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honours were given as before. At the end of the Third Procession, the Music being silent, the Grand Master

pouring Oil on the Lodge in solemn form declared the Hall dedicated to *Universal Charity* and *Benevolence* which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honours were given as before. A Grand Anthem adopted to the occasion set to Music by Bro^r. Reinagle was sung by Bro^{rs}. Reinagle, Wood and Fox, and

The Grand Master returned to Solomon's Chair under the acclamations of the Brethren and the Music performing "When Earths Foundation first was laid, &c."

The Grand Master was then pleased to deliver an Affectionate Address which was received by the Brethren with the most lively tokens of Gratitude and Acknowledgement and their Approbation was testified in the usual Form.

The Ceremony of Dedication being compleated, so much of the Minutes of the 6th Instant as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read. Whereupon, the Grand Master Ordered Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Past Grand Secretary, a very Ancient and expert Mason, to proceed to the Installation of the Grand Officers elect, and accordingly

The R. W. Bro^r. Israel Israel, Esq^r. was installed Grand Master, invested, proclaimed and saluted according to Ancient Form.

The R. W. Bro^r. John Armantiere Monges, M. D., Deputy Grand Master.

The R. W. Bro^r. Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. Senior Grand Warden.

The R. W. Bro^r. George Adam Baker, Esq^r. Grand Secretary.

The Junior Grand Warden and Grand Treasurer elect not attending, their installation was postponed till the next Communication.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the R. W. Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq^r. late Grand Master for his affectionate, instructing and Brotherly address and that it is their desire he would be pleased to deliver a Copy of the same to be entered on the Minutes for the instruction of the Brethren. His Worship was pleased to promise the requested Copy.

Resolved, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Venerable and Reverend Bro^r. William Smith, D. D., for his appropriate prayer and that he be desired to deliver a Copy of the same to be entered on the Minutes with which request he promised to comply.

Resolved, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Reverend Brethren of the Clergy who have assisted in the Duties of the Day.

Resolved, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Bro^r. Reinagle, Wood and Fox who assisted so essentially in the service of the Day.

Resolved, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Members of the Hall Committee for their great Assiduity and Zeal in the business committed to their care.

A Letter was received from Bro^r. Robert C. Latimer, Junior Grand Warden Elect, informing that owing to unexpected Circumstances it will not be in his power to attend the Duties of the Office to which the Brethren have been pleased to Elect him and that he begs leave to decline accepting the said Office.

On Motion made and Seconded, his resignation was accepted and Resolved, that this Grand Lodge shall be adjourned to Monday next, the Third Day of January to proceed to the Election of a Junior Grand Warden, &c.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania impressed with a grateful sense of the long assiduous and highly useful labours of their late R. W. Grand Master, Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq^r. previous to and during his service in the high Station which he has left, Resolved Unanimously, That the most respectful Thanks of the said G. Lodge be presented to their said Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith for the eminent services he has rendered to the Craft generally and more especially for the able, diligent and impartial manner in which he has discharged the Duties of the Chair and while they deplore the necessity of his now retiring from the Official Station amongst them which he has so Honourably filled, they hope for a continuance of his Brotherly Love, Aid and information and finally that he be requested to receive the best wishes of the Grand Lodge for a prolongation of his useful life, a commen-

surate enjoyment of his Health and his final Happiness in the Mansion of Everlasting Rest.

Resolved Unanimously, That as a further Testimony of the Affection, regard and Veneration of this Grand Lodge for Our said Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, he be presented with a Past Grand Masters Jewell of Gold.

Resolved Unanimously, that the R. W. Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r., late Deputy Grand Master, the W. Bro^r. Joseph Clay, Esq^r., Master of Lodge N^o. 3 and the R. W. Bro^r. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary be a Committee to wait on the R. W. Bro^r. J. B. Smith and present him with a Copy of the above Resolutions and that they be further Authorized to carry the same into effect.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past Two o'clock, P. M. to Monday next, the 3^d of January at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3rd January, Anno Lucis 5803.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r., R. W. Grand Master.

“ Doct^r. Monges, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r., R. W. Sen^r Grand Warden.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Jun^r Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Alexander M^cAlister, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Felix M^cCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 87 and 91 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

A Petition from John Harrington, formerly a Member of a Lodge in New York, at present residing in Philadelphia, praying assistance was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The Lodges were called on for their Returns, and that the following Returns were received and read, Viz :

Return of the Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Viz :
The R. W. Israel Israel, Esq^r G. M. of Pennsylvania, Ex Officio, 1st Grand Chief.

The R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq^r late Grand Master, 2nd Grand Chief.

Most E. Thomas Town, 3rd Grand Chief.

Most E. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r Grand Scribe.

Most E. Daniel M^cKaraher, Grand Treasurer.

Companions appointed a Committee to assist the Grand Officers in Visiting Lodges.

Comp^s Peter Le Barbier Duplessis.

Andrew Nilson.

Thomas Town.

Lodge N^o. 2. Election Return, returning Bro^r Joseph Burden, W. M^r; Bro^r Thomas Tatem, S. W.; Bro^r Thomas Raynor, J. W.; Bro^r John Phillips, Secretary ; Bro^r Robert Pullen, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 48 Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 3. Election Return, returning Bro^r Joseph Clay, W. M.; Bro^r John Hoover, S. W.; Bro^r John Moore, J. W.; Bro^r Ezekiel Howell, Secretary ; Bro^r Caleb Hughes, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 9. Election Return, returning Bro^r Alexander M^cAlister, W. M^r; Bro^r Archibald M^cConoghy, S. W.; Bro^r Robert Alexander, J. W.; Bro^r James Murtaugh, Secretary ; Bro^r Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 19. Election Return, returning Bro^r Ebenezer Ferguson, W. M^r; Bro^r Frederick Erringer, S. W.; Bro^r Henry Holdship, J. W.; Bro^r David Coombs, Secretary ; Bro^r Doct^r William S. Revoudt, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 15 Members.

Lodge N^o. 45. Election Return of December, 1801, returning

Bro^r George Robinson, W. M^r.; Bro^r James Martin, S. W.; Bro^r John Parker, J. W.; Bro^r Andrew Richardson, Secretary; Bro^r Thomas Baird, Treasurer. Return of Members up to June, 1802, returning 37 Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to June, 1802.

Lodge N^o. 46. Return of Members up to S^t John's Day last.

Lodge N^o. 55. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r John Cadwallader, W. M.; Bro^r John Dorland, S. W.; Bro^r William Wilson, J. W.; Bro^r John M^cKennan, Secretary; Bro^r Joseph Patton, Treasurer. Return of Members to June last, returning 19 Members. A Communication of the Expulsion of R—— S——, on the 6th December last.

Lodge N^o. 59. Election Return, returning Bro^r Robert Jackson, W. M.; Bro^r William Sweeny, S. W.; Bro^r John Pragers, J. W.; Bro^r John Ward, Treasurer; Bro^r Michael Andrews, Secretary.

Lodge N^o. 67. Election Return, returning Bro^r Charles Cummens, W. M^r.; Bro^r Adam Eckfeldt, S. W.; Bro^r John Kannan, J. W.; Bro^r Lodewyk Sharpe, Secretary; Bro^r Jacob Belsterling, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 39 Members.

Lodge N^o. 69. Election Return, returning Bro^r William Anderson, W. M.; Bro^r James Bernard, S. W.; Bro^r Aaron Morton, J. W.; Bro^r —— ——, Secretary; Bro^r Edward Engle, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 71. Election Return, returning Bro^r Andrew Montgomery, W. M^r.; Bro^r John Scott, S. W.; Bro^r John Wray, J. W.; Bro^r Arthur Hamilton, Secretary; Bro^r Alexander Moore, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72. Election Return, returning Bro^r John Cook, W. M.; Bro^r Anthony Steel, S. W.; Bro^r Martin Kasper, J. W.; Bro^r Patrick E. Whelan, Secretary; Bro^r George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 81. Election Return, returning Bro^r John Sellers, W. M.; Bro^r William Leeson, S. W.; Bro^r David Cowden, J. W.; Bro^r Thomas Norton, Secretary; Bro^r Anthony Hargesheimer, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 29.

Lodge N^o 91. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Arabin, W. M.; Bro^r. William M^cCullagh, S. W.; Bro^r. John Sweeny, J. W.; Bro^r. Robert M^cCullagh, Secretary; Bro^r. James Cannon, Treasurer.

Agreeably to Resolution of the 27th Ultimo, the G. Lodge now proceeded to the Election of a Junior Grand Warden when Bro^r. Robert Pullen was duly Elected and immediately Installed by the R. W. Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following Appointments, Viz :

Bro^r. Daniel M^cKaraher, Senior G. Deacon.

“ Robert Lewis, Junior G. Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews, } Grand Chaplains.
Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. William Rogers, }

Bro^r. Andrew Nilson, Grand Sword bearer.

“ Thomas Proctor, Grand Marshal.

“ Joseph Blame,

“ John Uhle, } Hall Committee.

“ William Littlewood, }

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r for the Northern Liberties,

“ Israel Israel, Esq^r the R. W. G. M., for the City,

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r for Southwark,
Recommenders of Objects to the Dispensary.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, }

“ Joseph Clay, } Committee of Accounts.

“ Robert C. Latimer,

“ Alexander M^cAlister, } Grand Stewards.
“ Ezeziel Howell, }

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Resolved, That the Hall Committee in conjunction with the Building Committee prepare regulations respecting the government of Tylers and care of the Hall, and report the same to the Grand Lodge at their next meeting.

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to the Members of the Congregation of the Universalist Church for the use of their Church granted to this Grand Lodge on S^t John's Day.

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to Bro^r. Doct^r. John Beatty, R. W. G. M. of New Jersey, for his polite Conduct in Visiting us on St^t. John's Day and Assisting in the Ceremonies of Dedicating the Hall.

The Resolution offered the 13th Ultimo, respecting Bro^r. William Francis's being passed to the Chair and a Past Masters Jewel and Apron being presented him was taken into Consideration and Adopted and Bro^{rs}. Ferguson, Pullen and Griffith were appointed a Committee to carry so much of the said Resolution as respects the Jewel and Apron into effect.

Resolved, that the Names of the Grand Officers be published in the News papers.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

The following Charges made by Bro^r. Frederick John Haller against Lodge N^o. 56 and read in Grand Lodge the 21st December, 1801 having been omitted to be entered on Page 21 are now entered here.

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the rest of
"the Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylv-
"vania.

"The Representation of Frederick John Haller of Lodge
"N^o. 56 in the Borough of Carlisle, in the County of Cumber-
"land and State of Pennsylvania, Respectively Represents,
"That he has been for several Years past a Member of said
"Lodge N^o. 56 that from his own observation of the many
"Irregularities, that daily occur, in the said Lodge, he thinks
"it his Duty, to come forward and make known to your Right
"Worshipful Body, who is equally with himself interested in
"the cause of Masonry, some of the principal facts, touching
"the said N^o. 56, Viz :

"1st. During Lodge Hours and without being called from
"Labour to refreshment, he has repeatedly observed some of
"the Members of the said Lodge taking refreshment, and

“drinking Ardent Spirits, lying a sleep, asnoring, on the benches and beds, and occasionally in a state of Intoxication.

“2nd. That he has been an Eye Witness of the Neglect in some Instances of the Officers in not at all meeting, opening and Organizing the Lodge on the Constitutional and stated days of meeting ; and in no instance did he ever hear or see any Lecture delivered, by the Master or other Officer, in the said Lodge.

“3rd. He has been an Eye Witness to a number of Instances of making Masons, on the very same day of preferring their respective Petitions, and without letting the same lie over for One Month.

“4th. He was present at One Time in the Royal Arch, when a Hot and Angry dispute arose among the Officers touching some form of Masonry, and that such was the Obstinacy and Animosity of the Disputants, and so far did they carry their Intemperence, that the Lodge was abruptly dissolved sine die and the Members left the room without at all closing the same. And

“5^{thly}. He was present when it was moved that the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania transmitted with other papers, might be entered on the Minutes agreeably to the said Resolution ; but the same motion was rejected, by reason whereof, the said Bro. Thorn has never been restored to his reputation, (in said Lodge,) of a Mason.

“These Points are Humbly submitted to the Wisdom and Justice of Your Worshipful Lodge, with an Appeal How far the Honour and Interest of Masonry is concerned in the regular institution of an Enquirey into the Premises ; And whether or not the Warrant of the said Lodge N^o 56 ought to be sequestered, And the Cause of Masonry in general rescued from the dishonour, the irregularities aforesaid, is likely to bring on it.”

“Philad^a. 18th Dec^r. 1801.” (Sign’d) “F. J. HALLER.”

PHILADELPHIA, Monday 7th March, Anno Lucis 5808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ William Ball, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. Past R. W. Dep^y. Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. Past Grand Secretary.

“ Alexander M^cAlister, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Robert Lewis, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro^r. William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 87 and 91 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 21st Ultimo were read and Approved of. It appeared by the said Minutes that the Committee has granted

to Bro ^r . Ghislin	\$15.
to Bro ^r . Joseph Nicholson's Widow	5.
to Bro ^r . Thomas M ^c Cage	6.
for Bro ^r . Service, a balance due Bro ^r . William Nelson for a pair Shoes73
Total	\$26.73

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, dated 27th December, 1802, was read and Ordered to be placed on the Archives of the Grand Lodge. It communicated the Names of their Grand Officers for the present Year, being

His Excellency Sir John Wentworth, Bar^t. L.L. D., Lieu^t
Gov^r. of Nova Scotia, &c., &c., &c., R. W. Grand Master.
The R. W. Duncan Clark, Esq^r. Deputy Grand Master.
The R. W. Charles Morris, Esq^r. Sen^r. Grand Warden.
“ John Boyd, Esq^r. Junior Grand Warden.
“ John Selby, Gentⁿ. Grand Secretary.
“ William Schwartz, Esq^r. Grand Treasurer.

Also a List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction being 22
in Number. And a List of Suspensions and Expulsions, Viz:
Suspensions, Viz: P— K— and A— M— by Lodge
N^o. 155, Halifax. J— K—, by Lodge N^o. 2, Halifax.
J— F—, W— N—, S— W—, G— R— by
Lodge N^o. 7, at Guysborough. Expulsion, Viz: J—
M^cL— and J— S— by N^o. 155. D— M^cC— by
N^o. 2. J— M^cN— by N^o. 25, at Annapolis Royal.

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, Viz:
Lodge N^o. 9. A List of their Members, being 35 in Number.
Lodge N^o. 12. Two Letters from the W. M^r. and the Secretary
of said Lodge, accompanying their Election Return, return-
ing Bro^r. John Somersall, W. M.; Bro^r. Nahum Chunn, S.
W.; Bro^r. William Silver, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Thomas, Sec-
retary; Bro^r. Lewis Wolfe, Treasurer. A Copy of their Bye
Laws, which were referr'd to Bro^r. Andrew Nilson, Cad-
wallader Griffith and Daniel M^cKaraher to examine and
Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 21. Two Letters from the W. M^r. of the said Lodge,
One dated 29th Decem^r. and the other the 15th Jan^y. last,
informing of the deranged state in which he had found
the Minutes, Accounts and Treasury of the Lodge but
That great exertions are making to retrieve the Character
of the Lodge and make remittances to the Grand Lodge.
They were accompanied with diverse papers, Viz: Election
Return, returning Bro^r. James Ph. Puglia, W. M.; Bro^r.
John Mytinger, S. W.; Bro^r. Richard Rees, J. W.; Bro^r.
Jacob Wain, Secretary; Bro^r. Andrew Lee, Treasurer. Copy
of the Minutes of the Lodge since S^t John's Day last. Copy
of Summons issued by the Committee of the Lodge to their
Delinquent Members. Resolution of the Lodge respecting

the remitting of \$100 to this Grand Lodge. Petition from the Lodge praying, in Consideration of their deranged situation and of the great exertions made by them to collect \$100 now transmitted to the Grand Treasurer, to discharge the Account of said Lodge to this Time, solemnly promising the greatest accuracy and punctuality in the future on the part of the said Lodge. Which Petition was referr'd to Bro^{rs}. Pullen, Hennessy and Lewis to examine and Report thereon. Commission under the Hand of the W. M. and the Seal of the Lodge, Dated 3rd Ultimo, appointing Bro^r. Vincent Ducomb, Proxy of the said Lodge. Bro^r. Ducomb not being a Member of the Grand Lodge, a Debate ensued on the propriety of his being appointed Proxy, after some Time spent in Debate the further Consideration of the Subject was postponed. Oration delivered by Bro^r. Puglia on St^t John's Day last.

Lodge N^o. 33. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. William Ruth, W. M.; Bro^r. Christopher Weaver, S. W.; Bro^r. Michael King, J. W.; Bro^r. Evan Thomas, Secretary; Bro^r. John Bird, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 32 Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Dec^r. 1801.

Lodge N^o. 68. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Ezra Doty, W. M.; Bro^r. William Laird, S. W.; Bro^r. James Mackey, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sterrett, Secretary; Bro^r. Roswell Doty, Treasurer. Return of Members, being 19 in Number and returning J—— M—— and D—— G—— Expelled. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Copy of their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to Bro^{rs}. Andrew Nilson, Cadwallader Griffith and Daniel M^cKarاهر to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 82. Return of Members to June last, being 20, returning the Rejection of G—— B—— and J—— B. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to the same period.

Lodge N^o. 83. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Jonathan Dexter, W. M.; Bro^r. Moses Thomas, S. W.; Bro^r. Bezaleel Calkin, J. W.; Bro^r. Nathan Skinner, Secretary; Bro^r. Daniel Skinner, Treasurer. Return of Members, being 28 in Number, returning the Rejections of J—— L——, H—— S——, J—— G——, W—— G——. Account of Grand Lodge

Dues. A Copy of their Bye Laws, which were referred to Bro^r. Andrew Nilson, Cadwallader Griffith and Daniel M^c. Karaher to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 84. Resolution of said Lodge of 6th December, adopting the Alteration in their Bye Laws directed by this Grand Lodge on the 24th June last. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Campbell, W. M.; Bro^r. William G. Elder, S. W.; Bro^r. James Clark, J. W.; Bro^r. Otho Shrader, Secretary; Bro^r. William M^cDermett, Treasurer. Return of Members, being 15 in Number. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

The Committee appointed on the 1st March, 1802, on the Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina made Report which was read and is in the words following, Viz:

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Committee to whom were referred the Communications from the R. W. the G. Lodges of North and South Carolina beg leave to Report. That they find that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has acceded to the proposition of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina for holding a Convention for the purpose of Organizing a Superintending Grand Lodge of the Union in the City of Washington. Your Committee find that this Grand Lodge by their Resolution of June 7th, 1790, considering the proposal made then by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia to establish such Superintending Grand Lodge, Resolved Unanimously, that the Constituting of a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge to have Jurisdiction over the respective Grand and other Lodges throughout the Continent as proposed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia is inexpedient and appears impracticable and that a Committee was then appointed consisting of Bro^r. Joseph Few, Peter Le Barbier Duplessis and John M^cCree to write a Letter to the several Grand Lodges in the United States inclosing a Copy of the said Resolve and Assigning the Reason upon which it is founded. That a Circular was written and forwarded by the said Committee.

“That on the 27th of December, 1799, a Communication

“ was read from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina proposing
 “ again the establishment of a Superintending Grand Lodge
 “ which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence who
 “ on the 3rd of March, 1800, Reported that the same was in-
 “ expedient and impracticable as it was Unanimously deter-
 “ mined in the Year 1790, which Report was adopted by the
 “ Grand Lodge. That the said Committee were directed to
 “ communicate the sense of this Grand Lodge by a Circular to
 “ all the Grand Lodges of the U. States. That such a Circular
 “ was forwarded inclosing the Resolution of the Grand Lodge
 “ dated the 28th of March, 1800.

“ That the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Georgia, Virginia,
 “ Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New Jersey have con-
 “ curred in the Opinion of this Grand Lodge.

“ Your Committee beg leave to propose the following Reso-
 “ lutions.

“ Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do persist in their former
 “ Resolutions that the establishment of a Supreme Superin-
 “ tending Grand Lodge in the United States is inexpedient
 “ and impracticable, but that a Convention of Deputies from
 “ the several Grand Lodges for the purpose of forming a more
 “ intimate Union and establishing a regular and permanent
 “ intercourse betwixt the said Grand Lodges and considering
 “ other interesting matters, would be conducive to the Ad-
 “ vancement and respectability of the Ancient Craft.

“ Resolved, That it is the Opinion of the Grand Lodge that
 “ such a Convention should take place as soon as possible in
 “ the City of Philadelphia, as the most convenient place for
 “ that purpose and that this Grand Lodge will appoint Depu-
 “ ties to such Convention.

“ Resolved, That Copies of these Resolutions shall be for-
 “ warded with a Circular to all the Grand Lodges within the
 “ United States requesting the favour of an Answer.

“ Philadelphia, March 7th, 5803. (Sign'd)

“ W^m. BALL.

“ ISRAEL ISRAEL.

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ JAMES MILNOR.

“ J^s. GARDETTE.”

Which Report and Resolution were Adopted and the Committee of Correspondence directed to write to the different Grand Lodges in the United States agreeably thereto.

The Building Committee made Report which was read and is in the words following, Viz :

“The Committee appointed by the R. W. Grand Lodge for
“the purpose of purchasing or erecting a suitable place for
“their Meetings and those of the subordinate Lodges in the
“City. Respectfully Report,

“That after effecting the purchase of a Building and Lot of
“Ground in Filbert Street above Eighth Street of M^r. William
“Hunter for the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars as has here-
“tofore been communicated, they proceeded with all the ex-
“pedition that was practicable to fit the same up for Masonic
“purposes, that in the projection and conduct of this work the
“Committee found themselves surrounded with innumerable
“difficulties arising from the novelty of the undertaking, the
“variety of Opinion amongst the Brethren as to the most
“eligible mode of proceeding and the Anticipation of a prob-
“able failure of Funds to complete the same on a scale suffi-
“ciently enlarged. They at length concluded to adopt that
“plan which in their Opinion was best calculated to unite
“convenience and accommodation with as great a portion of
“Elegance as a proper regard to economy would admit and
“to rely for support in the undertaking upon the Zeal and
“Liberality of the Craft. Measures were thereupon taken for
“commencing and prosecuting the intended work and for de-
“fraying the expenses thereof. The several Lodges in the
“City were waited upon and solicited for Loans and individ-
“ual contributions. The Success with which the Applications
“of the Committee were attended was such as to Warrant and
“Encourage a continuance of their intentions, and they have
“only to regret that with respect to private subscriptions there
“has not since been so universal a Co-operation of the Breth-
“ren as they then imagined there was reason to expect, for
“although many have generously contributed in proportion
“to their ability, others have withheld their mite, while at the
“same time many worthy individuals have been prevented by

“circumstances not in their power to controul from complying with what otherwise their well known regard for the Interest of the Craft would have induced.

“The Grand Lodge will learn from the Books of the Committee, which will be laid before them with this Report, the Amount of the Loans and private Contributions. To the same Documents the Committee refer them for a knowledge of the different Items of Expenditure to which the Money raised has been applied, the Amount in which they now stand indebted, and the Sum that will be requisite for completely finishing the building. The Committee trust that although the Sum expended may appear large, the Grand Lodge will duly appreciate what has been obtained by them in lieu thereof and that they will bear in Mind that many improvements not Originally contemplated, as well as the purchase of a considerable quantity of New Furniture contribute to swell the Account. It now appears that after applying the Money appropriated to this Object by the R. W. Grand Lodge, the Loans of the different Lodges and individual Subscriptions so far as they have been collected, the Committee are left in Debt \$1500 which ought to be paid with the utmost possible dispatch.

“Thus Circumstanced they cannot doubt but that the Authors of their Appointment, (who have already in so flattering a manner signified their approbation of the proceedings of their Committee,) will feel an anxiety proportioned to the urgency of the occasion and immediately adopt such measures as may be thought most advisable for paying off all arrearages and conducting the whole business to a speedy close.

“If it was considered disreputable to our Ancient and respectable Order not to possess in such a City as this, accommodations suited to their character, it will be little less disreputable to leave the work which has been thus far advanced in any respect unfinished and above all to permit their Enemies, (if such exist,) to advance a well grounded assertion that they have been wanting either in Honour or ability to discharge their just engagements.

“ On the best consideration which the Committee have been
“ enabled to give the Subject, they are of opinion that it would
“ be advisable to adopt the following Measures which they
“ accordingly recommend to the attention of the Grand Lodge,
“ observing at the same Time that they are intended to aid
“ and not to supercede any Thing that may yet be intended,
“ either by Lodges or individual Members in the way of Loans
“ or Contributions.

- “ 1. That the Grand Lodge recommend to all the Lodges
“ meeting in their Hall, to appropriate and pay over to
“ this Committee not less than Five nor more than Ten
“ Dollars out of each Initiation Fee. This Measure has
“ already been adopted in several Lodges.
- “ 2. That the price of a Warrant be raised to Fifty Dollars
“ and that Twenty of the same be paid to this Com-
“ mittee.
- “ 3. That each Lodge meeting in the Hall pay an annual
“ Rent of Forty Dollars which shall be applied to the
“ payment of Interest on the Money loaned and the
“ Surplus to be paid to this Committee.
- “ 4. That each Chapter and Encampment meeting in the
“ Hall pay an Annual Rent of Twenty Dollars to be
“ applied in like manner with the foregoing.
- “ 5. That the price of Certificates be raised from \$2.27 to
“ \$3, and that the amount arising therefrom, except
“ the Fees of the Grand Secretary, be paid to this Com-
“ mittee.
- “ 6. That the price of Dispensations be raised from Six to
“ Seven Dollars and that the Amount arising there-
“ from, except the Fees of the Grand Secretary, be paid
“ to this Committee.

“ The Committee beg leave to suggest that in extending
“ their Notice to the foregoing variety of means, they continue
“ to keep in view not only the payment of the existing Debt,
“ but the full completion of the Building, and when it is con-
“ sidered how much credit the institution has derived from the
“ progress already made, it is presumed there can be but one
“ sentiment on the subject of persevering in our efforts to make

“ it a finished work. It must also be observed that the proposed measures will be but of temporary continuance. Whenever the purpose for which they are entered into is obtained they will cease, but in the Opinion of the Committee, that purpose ought not to be considered as obtained until this valuable property is compleatly cleared of incumbrances by a full discharge of the Debts arising from its improvement as well as the Monies that have been borrowed. In the above plan they persuade themselves their Brethren will perceive nothing that will be burthensome or unequal in its operation and the Committee in offering it for Consideration, having no seperate Interests to advance, will chearfully yield to the suggestions of others if their reflections on the subject should suggest a better mode than what is now proposed.

“ They conclude with submitting the following additional Propositions.

“ 1. That the Room on the Ground Floor be appropriated for a School and that the Committee be authorized to let the same to some respectable Teacher, (who is a Mason,) at a reasonable Rent, the Amount of which shall be paid by the education of such a number of Children of poor Brethren as at the Ordinary rates of Tuition will be equal to the same, provided that should not a sufficient Number of Scholars offer the balance of the Rent shall be paid in Money.

“ 2. That such Lodges as are willing to accept of a certificate for the Amount loaned by them, instead of a Mortgage, be furnished with the same under the Seal of the Grand Lodge.

“ Signed by Order and in behalf of the Committee.

“ March 7, 1803. (Sign'd)

“ JAMES MILNOR, Chairman.”

which Report was accepted.

On Motion and Seconded,

The First of the said Resolutions was again read and Unanimously Adopted.

The Second of the said Resolutions was again read and Unanimously Adopted with the Amendments of raising the

price of Warrant to Sixty Dollars, instead of Fifty, and that Thirty of the same instead of Twenty, be paid to the Building Committee.

The Third of the said Resolutions was again read and Unanimously Adopted with the Addition that the Rents commence on St^t John's Day last.

The Fourth of the said Resolutions was again read and Unanimously Adopted with the Addition that the Rents commence on St^t John's Day last.

The Fifth of the said Resolutions was again read and Unanimously Adopted.

The Sixth of the said Resolutions was again read and Unanimously Adopted.

The First Additional proposition was again read and Unanimously Adopted.

The Second Additional proposition was again read and Unanimously Adopted.

The Question was then taken on the whole of the said Resolutions as amended and they were Unanimously Approved.

Ordered, That Copies of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted to the different Lodges under our Jurisdiction.

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay over to the Building Committee for their use, all the Monies of this Grand Lodge in his Hands, except the Sum of One Hundred Dollars.

Brothers Milnor, Duplessis, Griffith, Lewis and Blame were appointed a Committee to take into consideration if any, and what Alterations, Additions and Explanations are necessary to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge and to make Report thereon.

Ordered, that the Building Committee be directed to have the Hall insured against accidents by fire.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th June, Anno Lucis 5808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Joseph Clay, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, R. W. Grand Sec^y. Pro Temp.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. Past R. W. Grand Master.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 57, 59, 65, 67, 68, 77, 87 and 91 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form. The Grand Secretary being absent and the Minutes Book not having been brought up according to his directions, the Minutes of the last quarterly Communication could not be read.

A Communication was read from the G. Lodge of England, containing a List of their Grand Officers for the present Year 5803, also a Circular Letter expressive of the increasing prosperity and solid Establishment of Ancient Masonry in England, cautioning the Brethren against all innovations, &c., and informing the Masonic World that the Ancient Grand Lodge of England, without One Shilling of Debt, has a clear ascertained income of more than £500 A Year, of which a considerable part is derived from a Capital in the British Funds; That this revenue is not wasted in ostentation, but is devoted religiously to the purposes of Masonic Benevolence; it is distributed Monthly by a Committee of Masters of Lodges, indiscriminately chosen, to examine the claims of Brethren and to relieve their wants with the liberal spirit which our principles inculcate, &c. Ordered to be filed.

A Communication was read from the G. L. of Ireland, containing a List of their Grand Officers for the present Year. It appears from the said Communication that they have instituted Two Masonic Orphan Schools. Ordered to be filed.

A Communication was presented by the R. W. Grand Master which was addressed to him by Bro^r. John Mitchell,

K. H., P. R. S., Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33^d and Grand Commander in the United States of America. It was committed to Bro^m Town, Latimer and Pullen to report.

A Communication was read from the G. L. of North Carolina, inclosing a Copy of their proceedings. Ordered to be filed.

A Communication was read from the G. L. of Virginia, containing a List of their Grand Officers, a List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, 68 in Number, a List of Suspensions and rejections, &c. Ordered to be filed.

A Communication was read from the G. L. of Massachusetts, containing a List of their Grand Officers for the present Year and requesting such Communications. Ordered to be filed.

A Communication was read from the G. Lodge of Maryland, inclosing an Address of the R. W. Grand Master and his circular Letter, also a Copy of the Constitution and an Extract of their last proceedings. Committed to Bro^m Town, Latimer and Pullen to report.

A Printed Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 2 was presented and referred to Bro^m A. Nilson, Griffith and McKaraher to examine and report thereon.

The Consideration of the Commission from Lodge N^o 21 held at Harrisburg, appointing Bro^r Vincent Ducomb, Past Master, Royal Arch, super excellent Mason, their Proxy to represent them in Grand Lodge, postponed at the last Grand Quarterly Communication was taken up, Whereupon, Resolved, That Brother Vincent Ducomb cannot be elected a Proxy agreeably to Article III of the Regulations of this Grand Lodge.

A Letter was received from the Treasurer of Lodge N^o 57 held at Newtown, Bucks County. One Year was allowed to said Lodge to settle their Arrearages from next St^t John's Day, sundry Receipts and papers were presented by Bro^r N. Wynkoop. Ordered to be entered and filed.

A Return was received of the Members of Lodge N^o 51 up to December, 5802, and an Account of their Dues to the 27th of the said Month Amounting to \$99.52. Ordered to be filed.

A Return was received of the Officers of Lodge N^o. 70, held at Tioga Point for the present Year also a Return of their Members, also their Dues \$28.39. Ordered to be filed.

A Return was received of Members of Lodge N^o. 69 held in the Borough of Chester and an Account of their Lodge dues from Decem^r. 27th, 1799, to ditto 1802, amounting to \$82.60 which have been paid to Bro^r. G. Secretary by Bro^r. Preston Eyre the 10th of March last. Ordered to be filed.

A Letter was read from Bro^r. John P. Schott, late Master of Lodge N^o. 61 at Wilkesbarre. Ordered to be filed.

A Return was read from Bro^r. John Sellars of the installation made by him of the Lodge N^o. 96. Ordered to be filed.

The Committee on the Bye Laws of Lodges N^o. 12, 68 and 83 presented their Report which was read and is in the words following

“We the Committee appointed by the R. W. G. L. of Penn-
sylvania the 7th of March, 5803, to Examine and Report on
“the Bye Laws of Lodges N^o. 12, 68 and 83, made the follow-
“ing Report, Viz: We Report the Bye Laws of N^o. 12 and 83
“as they are moddled as we find nothing unmasonic contained
“in them.

“The Bye Laws of N^o. 68 we Report with the following
Alterations, Viz:

“The Preamble to be left out. Section the 7th to be left out
“altogether. In the 8th Section the following words struck
“out *the foregoing Section being strictly adhered to.* In the 13th
“Section the following words to be struck out *No Visitor or*
“*Sojourner can receive any of the Benefits of the institution from*
“*this Lodge.* In Section the 17th the following word struck
“out, *Pursuivant* in the 10th line.

5th June, 1803.

(Sign'd)

“ANDREW NILSON.

“CADW^r. GRIFFITH.

“DANIEL M^cKARAHER.”

which Report was accepted and confirmed.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Lodge N^o. 21, praying for a discharge of their Dues presented their Report in favour of the prayer of the Petitioners. On Motion and Seconded, after arguments the same was adopted and Con-

firmed, and Lodge N^o. 21 discharged of their Dues to February 18th last.

The Committee to whom was referr'd the Petition of Lodge N^o. 70 praying for a Remission of One Years Dues to the Grand Lodge presented their Report in favour of the Petitioners. On Motion and Seconded, after Arguments the same was accepted and confirmed and Lodge N^o. 70 discharged of One Years Dues.

The R. W. Grand Master presented a statement of the Account between the Hall Committee and him as their Treasurer, whereby there is a balance due him of \$764.95. On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, That the said statement be entered on the Minutes. That One Hundred Copies thereof shall be printed for the use of the Grand Lodge and Lodges who have subscribed. Ordered, That the Hall Committee shall superintend the Printing, &c.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro^r. Grand Treasurer be directed to procure a Book for the purpose of entering every thing that shall relate to the Receipts and Expenditures of this Grand Lodge.

On Motion and Seconded, The Petition of Sarah Whitebread for Charity was referred to the Committee of Charity.

Grand Lodge to meet on S^t. John's Day at 10 o'clock, A. M.
Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 10 o'clock.

P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Sec^y. P. T.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Friday 24th June, Anno Lucis 5803.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

Bro^r. Doct^r. Monges, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Joseph Blame, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Alexander, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. late R. W. G. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77 and 87 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Lodges were called on for their Returns, when the following Returns were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o. 2. Election Return, returning Thomas Tatem, Worshipful Master; Thomas Rayer, S. W.; William Farr, J. W.; John Phillips, Secretary; Robert Pullen, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 9. Election Return, returning Andrew Nilson, W. M^r.; Thomas Cave, S. W.; William Huckle, J. W.; James Wilkins, Secretary; Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 19. Election Return, returning Frederick Erringer, W. M.; Henry Holdship, S. W.; Robert Hill, J. W.; David Coombs, Secretary; Doct^r. William Revoudt, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 22 Members and returning the Expulsions of the following Members for Non Payment of dues, W—— M——, H—— D——, J—— C——, J—— P. D- H——, P—— W——, N—— Y——, J—— A——, A—— G——.

Lodge N^o. 67. Election Return, returning Adam Eckfeldt, W. M.; John Kannan, S. W.; Martin Saurman, J. W.; Lodewyck Sharpe, Secretary; Jacob Belsterling, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 71. Election Return, returning John Scott, W. M.; John Wray, S. W.; Joseph Robinson, J. W.; William Adams, Secretary; Alexander Moore, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72. Election Return, returning Joseph Blame, W. M.; Parkes Boyd, S. W.; Charles Westphall, J. W.; ——, Secretary; George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 77. Election Return of June, 1802, returning Joseph Etienne Maingot, W. M.; Vincent Patrice, S. W.; John Henry Jacobs, J. W.; Nicholas Piche, Secretary;

Francis Ligoure, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 24 Members and returning the Expulsion of J—— A—— de B——.

Bro^r. Duplessis, Proxy of Lodge N^o. 77, presented an Address from said Lodge to this Grand Lodge, a Translation whereof was read by Bro^r. Duplessis and is in the words following, to wit :

“ East of Port d’Espagne, Trinidad, the 1st of the
“ 6th Month, in the Year of True Light 5802.

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

“ The Lodge of S^t John Les Freres Unis N^o. 77.

“ To

“ The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania having
“ the Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction over all Lodges of
“ Ancient York Masons under their dependencies.

“ Greeting and Respect :

“ Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge.

“ The Lodge ‘ Les Freres Unis, N^o. 77,’ always grateful for
“ the favours their tender Mother has not ceased to bestow
“ upon them, make it their duty to renew the sincere Testi-
“ monies of their Brotherly sentiments to the R. W. Grand
“ Master and Members composing the Sublime Grand Lodge.
“ The Career which we are running over with so much ardour
“ shall be still more glorious for us when assisted by your
“ shining Light ; we shall endeavor always to walk in the road
“ you have traced for us.

“ Virtue is not a Problem, Right Worshipful Grand Lodge ;
“ Undoubtedly not. It is fixed, shining, determined and
“ Holy. Every Man knows it, but few practice it. If it is
“ reserved to the only true Mason to make it shine in all its
“ splendor, here are the essential Characteristics whereby we
“ find it out : Fervent and Religious Piety, Obedience to the
“ Laws, Tender Love for One’s Brethren.

“ We have proceeded to the Election of our Officers and we
“ can but praise ourselves for the choice. We forward the List
“ which contains that of all our Members, and we flatter our-
“ selves that you will receive it favourably. We have sent to

“the R. W. Brother Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, our Proxy,
 “One Hundred Dollars; that Sum is to discharge our dues,
 “the remainder to be disposed of at the pleasure of the Grand
 “Lodge, and that for One Year ending the 4th of March last.

“May the Great Architect bless your sublime Works and
 “bestow his favours on the Right Worshipful Members com-
 “posing the Grand Lodge!!!

“We have the respectful favour to salute by the Mysterious
 “Numbers which are known to you.

JOSEPH ETIENNE MAINGOT, W. M.

“By Order of the W^l Lodge N^o 77

R. *

“N^o Piche,

“E of 15, Sec^r and Keeper of the Archives.”

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, Unanimously, That the Grand Committee of Correspondence be directed to write a Letter to the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Lodge N^o 77, Les Freres Unis at the East of Port d'Espagne, in the Island of Trinidad, expressive of the High sentiments this Grand Lodge entertain of their respectful attachment testified in all their Communications, of their exactness in forwarding the proper returns with their dues and of their generosity in presenting this Grand Lodge with several donations, and to assure them of the sincere wishes of this Grand Lodge for their increasing prosperity and happiness.

Brother Duplessis then presented \$200, from said Lodge N^o 77. Whereupon it was Ordered, That said Two Hundred Dollars be paid to the Building Committee.

Lodge N^o 81. Election Return, returning John Sellers, W. M.; William Leeson, S. W.; David Couden, J. W.; Thomas Norton, Secretary; Anthony Hargesheimer, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 91. Election Return, returning William M^cCullagh, W. M.; John Sweeny, S. W.; Abraham Cohen, J. W.; Robert M^cCullagh, Secretary; James Cannon, Treasurer.

The Appeal of J—— T. G—— from the Vote of Expulsion passed against him by Lodge N^o 12, was received together with Documents of the Examination of Witnesses in his behalf as well as in behalf of said Lodge. On Consideration the same was referr'd to Bro^{rs} J. B. Smith, Duplessis and Milnor to examine and Report thereon.

A Representation from the Officers and divers Members of Lodge N^o. 45 was read, stating that certain irregularities had taken place in said Lodge on the 25th Day of May and on the 1st Instant, particularly by going into an Election for Officers contrary to the Bye Laws of the Lodge, which declare that the Elections for Officers shall be held on the stated Lodge Night next preceding each S^t John the Evangelist's Day ; said representation was accompanied with sundry Documents in support thereof. Whereupon, On Motion the same was referred to Bro^{rs} Cloud, Burden, Duplessis and Alexander to examine, Investigate and Report thereon.

Resolved, That the Officers of Lodge N^o. 45, elected at the last Election previous to S^t John the Evangelist's Day, be directed to proceed in the Duties of their Offices into which they were then installed for the Time they were installed, or until the further Order of this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th September, 1803.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Doct^r. Monges, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Sen^r. G. Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Jun^r. G. Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph Blame, Sen^r. Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Robert Lewis, Jun^r. Grand Deacon.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. late R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. late R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 87, 91 and 94 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communications of March and June and of the General Grand Communication of St John's Day last were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of their different meetings held since March last were read and approved of. It appeared by said Minutes that there had been granted as follows :

On Account of the Funeral Expenses, &c., of Bro ^r	
William Ghislin.	\$22.60
to Bro ^r William Hamilton of New York	5.
to Bro ^r John Claypoole of N ^o 19	10.
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Total	\$37.60

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of England, of 2nd March last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Said Communication was accompanied by a Letter which is in the words following, Viz :

“Right Worshipful Sir and Brothers,

“Beware of Certificates with the following Words engraved “under an Arch at the Top, Viz :

“Lodge N^o 57, Royal Naval Lodge of Independence, Wapping, of the Most Ancient and most Honourable Society of “Free and Accepted Masons of England (according to the Old “Constitutions).”

“We have no such Lodge, nor ever had any such under “our Constitution.

“The above Certificates are, in other Respect, an Imitation “and Piracy taken from our Lodge Certificates; engraved “with Emblems of Masonry, the Armorial bearings of our “Right Worshipful Grand Lodge and Seal. Fabricated by “an Expelled Mason, and intended to pass and impose upon “our Ancient Order, particularly in America.

“It has become necessary to guard against Imposition, and

“the Designs of those who, to gratify the Spleen of a disappointed Individual, and cover the nefarious practices of others, are most actively employed in villifying, and attempting to bring into Disrepute, the Ancient Craft in these Kingdoms.

“Our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, supported by the most Zealous Protection of His Grace, the Duke of Atholl, our most Noble Grand Master, who defended the Cause of Masonry in the late Parliament. Watchful to protect our Ancient Rights and Priveleges, and to preserve our inestimable Resources and Charities! I hope and trust, under the Protection of Divine Providence, will long continue to us that increasing Prosperity, so interesting and Honourable to our most Ancient Fraternity.

“I remain Worshipful Sir and Brother,
 “Your Obedient Servant, and Faithful Brother in Masonry,
 (Sign'd) “ROBERT LESLIE, G. Sec.”

Which was Ordered to be Communicated to the different Lodges under our Jurisdiction.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of 28th July last, was read and referr'd to the R. W. D. G. Master and Bro^{rs} Milnor and Duplessis to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, Viz:
 Lodge N^o 3. Election Return of June last, John Hoover, W. M.; Vincent Ducomb, S. W.; Caleb Sarin, J. W.; Ezekiel Howell, Secretary; Caleb Hughes, Treasurer. Rejections in Lodge N^o 3, Viz: R—— T——, J—— G——, W—— Y——.

Lodge N^o 5, Viz: Election Return of December last, Viz: Dennis J. Nowland, W. M.; Jacob Streets, S. W.; Joseph Sawyer, J. W.; John Moody, Secretary; William Lindsey, Treasurer. Return of Members, being 12 in Number and returning the Expulsions of J—— A—— and T—— D. G——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to December, 1802, Amounting to \$13.51.

Lodge N^o 12. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to June, 1802, Amounting to \$42.98. A Letter from the W. Master

of Lodge N^o. 12, containing among other Things the following Question, Viz: "Can a Mason be a Member of Two "Lodges at One and the same Time and under Two different Grand Authorities?" and requesting the decision of the Grand Lodge. On Motion the same was referr'd to the Grand Officers to consider and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 21. A Letter from S—— B—— D——, dated Harrisburg Gaol, August 4th, 1803, Informing of his having been Expelled by said Lodge, complaining of the said Expulsion and requesting this Grand Lodge to grant him Redress. On Motion the same was referr'd to Bro^m. Robert Lewis, And^w. Nilson and Joseph Blame to examine into and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 33. Election Return of June last, returning John Baird, W. M.; Michael King, S. W.; Alexander Duncan, J. W.; David Morrison, Secretary; Christopher Weaver, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 52. Election Return of June last, returning Savage Stilwell, W. M.; Samuel Passey, S. W.; Joseph Beal, J. W.; Daniel Bussier, Secretary; Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 59. Election Return of June last, returning John P. Hood, W. M.; William Allibone, jun^r. S. W.; Philip Boyl, J. W.; Charles A. Budd, Secretary; John Ward, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 35 Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to June last.

Lodge N^o. 64. Election Return of Decem^r. last, returning Samuel Brown, W. M.; Alexander Johnston, S. W.; James Monteith, J. W.; William M^cGranaghan, Treasurer; Robert Williams, Secretary. Return of Members to Dec^r. last, returning 15 Members and returning G—— A——, Esq^r. Expelled. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to Decem^r. last, Amounting to \$13.25.

A Letter from the Secretary of said Lodge dated 30th June last, communicating as follows, Viz: "I am to inform you of "the bad conduct of S—— B——, late Master of Lodge N^o. "64, that on the 15th Inst^t he ran away from this Country, "considerably indebted to some of the Brethren belonging to "said Lodge and some involved very considerably for Bail for

“him for Considerable Sums of Money. And in so doing the Brethren of Lodge N^o 64 consider him as having Violated his Obligation in the highest Degree. Therefore they do consider him unworthy to be taken into the Society of Masons round the Globe. Said S—— B—— has also with him a Certificate he had from the Rockingham Lodge, N^o 27, in the State of Virginia, that had been lodged in Our Chest. These we submit to the Consideration of the Grand Lodge to determine.”

Whereupon, Ordered, That the Grand Secretary inform Lodge N^o 64 that they are possessed of the power of investigating the Conduct of said B—— and of Expelling him if found to deserve that punishment.

Lodge N^o 67. Communication from said Lodge, dated the 22^d

July last, informing that Bro^r. George Rutter's Suspension for One Year having expired, he was reinstated as a Member to all the Rights and Privileges of said Lodge. Communication of the rejection of J—— H——, a Tanner by Trade.

Lodge N^o 75. Accounts of Grand Lodge Dues up to June last.

Lodge N^o 91. Return of Members up to June last, returning 20 Members.

Lodge N^o 94. Election Return, returning (of Decem^r. last)

John Poor, W. M.; Robert T. Neely, S. W.; John Lambert, jun^r. J. W.; Gershom W. Lambert, Secretary; John Simpson, Treasurer. Return of Members up to December last, returning 14 Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to the 21st November last.

The Committee appointed on the 6th June last, to Examine and Report on a Communication, &c., from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, made Report which was read and is in the words following, Viz:

“The Committee to whom was referr'd the Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, as also a Letter from the R. W. Grand Master of the same, Respectfully beg leave to Report. That they have examined the same, and are of Opinion the information called for in the above named Letter, does not come under the Notice of

“the Grand Lodge, they therefore take the Liberty of Recommending the following: That the R. W. Grand Master will please to appoint a Committee compos’d of Grand Royal Arch Masons, to Answer that part of the Letter respecting Royal Arch Chapters and that a Copy of the Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, be sent with the said Answer.

(Sign’d) “THOMAS TOWN, ROBERT PULLEN.”

Which Report was accepted and the R. W. G. M. was pleased to Appoint Bro^m. Pullen, Blame and A. Nilson a Committee for the aforesaid purposes.

The Committee appointed on the 6th June last, on the Communication from the Sublime Lodge of Charleston, made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

“The Committee to whom was referr’d the Communication from the Sublime Lodge at Charleston, South Carolina, Respectfully beg leave to Report: That there is just grounds to join most cordially in sincere Wishes for a Union taking place, between Us, Ancient York Masons, and the Society call’d by the name of Modern Masons, but relying on the pure establishment of Ancient Masonry and believing that nothing was left for future Ages to correct, or add to, we cannot consistent with our Ancient Usages, recognize any person as a Brother who has not strictly conformed to all our Ancient Customs and Usages. That as far as Respects the Establishment of Lodges for Sublime or High Degrees, your Committee are of Opinion that the R. W. Grand Lodge has no Jurisdiction above Royal Arches, any Degree above that, they conceive is not founded on Ancient Masonry.

(Sign’d) “THOMAS TOWN, ROBERT PULLEN.”

Which Report was Adopted and the Grand Secretary was directed to communicate the same to the Sublime Lodge of Charleston.

The Committee appointed on the 6th June last, on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 2 made Report which was read and is in the words following, Viz:

“We the Committee appointed to examine and Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 2, under the R. W. G. L. of

“Pennsylvania, Beg leave to Report: That we have Examined them and find nothing un-masonic contained in the said Bye Laws and Report them as they are stated.

(Sign'd) AND^w. NILSON, CADW^r. GRIFFITH.”

Which Report was accepted.

The Committee appointed on St^t John's Day last, on the Appeal of Joel T. Gustine made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

“The Committee to whom were referred the Appeal of Brother Joel T. Gustine and papers accompanying it against a Vote of Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 12 held at Winchester, in Virginia, under a Warrant of an Old standing from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Report, That Bro^r. Gustine addressed the G. L. on the subject by Letter dated 12th June, 5802, stating his Opinion that the Lodge had erred in proceeding against him and ought to have referred the complaint to the G. L., he being at the Time Master of the Lodge, and of course a Member of the Grand Lodge and stating his disposition to appear before the G. Lodge. On this Address the Grand Secretary was directed to inform Bro^r. Gustine that if he means to Appeal from the Acts of N^o. 12, he should take the steps directed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

“That by a Letter to the Grand Lodge of June 18th, 1803, he states that in consequence of said information he gave N^o. 12 notice of his intentions of appealing, and took certain depositions on the subject and laid them before the Lodge, &c.

“That these Depositions he has transmitted to the G. L. together with a Copy Certified by the Secretary of the Lodge of the Appointment on the 13th April, 1802, of a Committee to take Depositions respecting the charge and of their Report, as also of a paper addressed to the Grand Lodge with the Seal of the Lodge, countersigned by the Secretary, and signed by the Officers of the Lodge and others, a Committee appointed in consequence of Bro^r. Gustine's said Notice, to Arrange the different papers and forward them to the G. L. for substantiating the charge and to examine the Depositions

“handed to the Lodge by Bro^r. Gustine to rebut the charge, “who report that having fully investigated for and against “they recommend : 1st. That the Documents for and against “Bro^r. Gustine be transmitted under the Seal of the Lodge to “the G. L. for their decision. 2^d. That an investigation of “the Characters of the Witnesses for and against be also sent, “and conclude thus *Under these impressions, We the Committee “recommend him to the Mercy of the Grand Lodge.*

“Your Committee further state, that J. de Bruler is the only “Witness who on Oath supports the charge as being within “his own knowledge. Of this Witness the Lodge only say “‘when first his Deposition was taken we were in general un- “acquainted with him. He is a Cowan.’ The Committee “of April, 1802, say from his information they believe the “words as stated by Thomas Stephenson were made use of to “Bro^r. Cooper. Hamilton Cooper on Oath states that in a “conversation with Thomas Stephenson, the said Thomas “Stephenson said he would be damned if he would not swear “that Doct^r. Gustine had been guilty as charged. Of this “Witness the Lodge only report that ‘he was a Member of “the Lodge at the commencement of this unhappy business.’ “By their proceedings of April, 1802, they state him to have “acted on pure principles of Masonry. Thomas Stephenson “is the only other Witness in support of the Charge. He “states, (not on Oath,) that he does not know of any Offence of “the kind charged being committed by Doct^r. Gustine and “that he is entirely ignorant concerning it, and that he did “not tell Cooper that he would swear, &c., as stated in “Cooper’s Affidavit. Of Stephenson the Lodge say ‘we know “nothing of him only he is a Cowan.’ The Committee of “April, 1802, say of him, ‘Your Committee found Thomas “Stephenson so equivocal that they are of opinion no weight “ought to attach to any thing he had said and they have no “doubt of his having said to Hamilton Cooper as said Cooper “has stated.’

“Your Committee think the foregoing statement fully suffi- “cient to recommend that the sentence of Lodge N^o. 12 be “annulled even on the Testimony in support of it. They

“however add the following from the Depositions of the Witnesses examined and Sworn on the part of Bro^r. Gustine.

“Solomon Hollingsworth says he knows De Bruler to be addicted to lying and mischief making by false and scandalous misrepresentations. Hollingsworth is stated by the Lodge to be a worthy, honest, peaceable Man, not a Mason. J. G. Dowdall a Justice, &c., certifies to the veracity of Hollingsworth and that no dependence ought to be placed in De Bruler.

“Dowdall is reported by the Lodge as a worthy Character, a P. M., &c.

“Samuel Drake, P. M. says he heard Debruler say in the most positive and solemn manner on or near the same Day on which he gave his Evidence ag^t Gustine, that he never had seen Gustine in the situation stated in his Testimony and that he believed it to be false and never heard it but from a Black Woman. S. Drake also considers Debruler's word not to be depended upon.

“The Lodge state S. Drake to be a worthy, honest Character.

“Conrad Kraemer, P. M. was present at the above mentioned discourse between S. Drake and J. De Bruler and says the statement by S. Drake is correct.

“Elizabeth Cadwallader says De Bruler lodged with her at the Time he gave his Testimony, has often since wished he was Dead for he could never keep his Tongue to himself, owing as Deponent believed to a conviction of his having wronged Gustine. Deponent also says that Debruler is the most addicted to telling of Lies of any that she has known and that she could not believe anything he said.

“The Lodge know nothing of her.

“George Myers was well acquainted with Debruler and can put no confidence in what he says.

“The Lodge know nothing of this Deponent.

“Isaac Woodrow says that immediately before Debruler appeared before the Lodge, Gustine took him to Debruler and Gustine asked him if he had ever said he saw him (Gustine) in the situation stated in the Charge, to which Debruler Answered he wished he might be d—d if ever he said so or

“if ever he saw any such thing. After he had given his Evidence to the Lodge, Deponent asked him how he could do it after having so denied and that Debruler replied it was because the Doctor had charged him so high for his Medicine and M^{rs}. — so high for his Board.

“Your Committee therefore submit the following Resolutions, Viz :

“Resolved, That the Sentence of Lodge N^o. 12, Expelling Bro^r. Joel T. Gustine is totally unsupported by Testimony and that it be rescinded and annulled and that Bro^r. Gustine be re-instated in his former good standing in the Lodge and among Masons.”

Which Resolution was agreed to and Bro^r. Grand Secretary directed to transmit the same to L^o. N^o. 12.

The R. W. Grand Master presented a Letter directed to him from Bro^r. J. B. Smith, late R. W. Grand Master which was read and is in the words following, Viz :

“R. W. Sir and Brother,

“Permit me to request the favour of your presenting to the R. W. G. L. in my Name a painting, the subject of which is interesting to Masons and which is stated to have been done by an Ancient Master, and may be considered as an Appropriate Ornament in a Lodge. With this View I purchased it.

“The picture I have placed in the keeping of Your Grand Tyler.

“With sincere regards for yourself and for the R. W. G. L.

“I am “R. W. Sir and Brother, Yours, &c.,

“Philad^a. Sep. 5, 1803. (Sign'd) “J. B. SMITH.”

Whereupon, On Motion, Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Bro^r. Smith for this Additional mark of his Attention to the Grand Lodge.

On Motion, Resolved Unanimously, That the Hall Committee be Authorized to have the said painting Framed and proceed in the finishing of it in such manner as they shall see proper.

On Motion, Resolved, That the Money resting in the Hands

of the Grand Secretary be paid to the Treasurer of the Building Committee.

Bro^r. Duplessis presented sundry papers he had received from the R. W. Provincial Grand Master of the S^t Domingo containing an Account of the Installation of the Provincial Grand Lodge aforesaid, at Port Republican on the 1st Day of June, 5802, the Names of the Grand Officers and a List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction to that date, Six in Number, to wit :

Lodge The Union of Franco American Hearts, N^o. 47, at Port Republican, late Port au Prince.

Lodge Les Freres Reunis, N^o. 87, at the Cape.

Lodge Concorde at S^t Marc, N^o. 88.

Lodge Les Freres Sincèrement Reunis at Aux Cayes, N^o. 89.

Lodge L'Humilite at Lause a'Veau, N^o. 95.

Lodge La parfaite Harmonie, S^t Domingo.

Said last mentioned Lodge "La parfaite Harmonie" not having been reported to this Grand Lodge before, (it having been Constituted since the receipt of the last Communication from the said Provincial G. Lodge,) the same is to be Registered and Numbered and have precedence and Rank in this Grand Lodge as of this Date and the Number and Rank therefore of the said Lodge is 97.

Bro^r. Duplessis informed the Grand Lodge that the unhappy Circumstances of the Colony had prevented the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge and of several Lodges and that the R. W. Provincial Grand Master would as soon as possible forward the proper Returns, Dues, &c.

Bro^r. Duplessis also presented a List of the Officers and Members of Lodge N^o. 89, on the 25th August, 5801, the Day of their Installation by Bro^r. Jacques Michot, Pierre Courroy and Ignace Salomon, Deputized for that purpose, also a List of the Officers and Members of the said Lodge on S^t John the Evangelist's Day, 5801.

It appeared by the said Communication that Bro^r. Duplessis is Honorary Member forever of the said Lodge, also that he is duly appointed Proxy of the said Lodge N^o. 89.

Bro^r. Jean Marie Bonjour, W. M^r. of said Lodge N^o. 89, in-

formed the G. Lodge that owing to the continual Dangers and Distress the Colony was exposed to from the Negroes, the greatest part of the Brethren who had escaped with their lives, had endeavoured to procure a passage to the Country or Europe and that many had been plundered of all they had saved by the British Cruizers.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th December, A. L. 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. late R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. S. Grand Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. J. Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ William Nelson, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Robert Lewis, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 52, 59, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 87, 89 and 91 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the Last Quarterly Communication were read.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 1st June last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

This being the Evening appointed by the Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Officers, On Motion, Resolved, that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

Bro^r. Duplessis thereupon informed the R. W. Grand Master and the Brethren, That Bro^r. Monges the R. W. Deputy Grand Master had desired him to mention That he is impressed with the highest Sentiments of Respect and Gratitude for the Honour done him by the R. W. Grand Lodge at his Election last Year, but that the precarious state of his Health and the Duties of his profession do not permit him to attend as he would wish, and begs the Brethren would elect in his room a Brother more able to give the due attendance.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Election when the following Brethren were duly Elected Officers for the ensuing Year commencing on S^t John's Day next, Viz :

Bro^r. Israel Israel, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy G. Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Sen^r. Grand Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro^{rs}. Milnor, Duplessis and Lewis were Appointed to form the Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

Bro^{rs}. Duplessis, Robert C. Latimer and Thomas Hennesey were appointed to form the Committee of Accounts.

A Return was read from Bro^r. Hacquet, R. W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge established by this Gr. Lodge at Port au Prince in the Island of S^t Domingo, of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of said Provincial Grand Lodge, being 8 in Number, whereof Two are New Lodges, Viz :

Lodge La Perseverance, held at Abricots, and

Lodge Le Temple du Bonheur, held at Arcahaye.

which said Two Lodges are to be Registered and Numbered and have precedence and Rank in this Grand Lodge as of this Date and the Number and Rank of Lodge La Perseverance is 98 and of Lodge Le Temple du Bonheur, 99.

Return of Members of Lodge N^o. 96 was rec^d. also a Copy of their Bye Laws which were referr'd to Bro^{rs}. A. Nilson, Campbell and Phillips to examine and report thereon. And a Commission duly Executed under the Seal of the Lodge

appointing Bro^r. Thomas Cave their Proxy to represent them in this Grand Lodge. Bro^r. Cave was thereupon recognized as such.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to Monday the 2nd Day of January next at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

St. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Tuesday, 27th December, A. D. 1803.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

- " James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. D. Grand Master, Elect.
- " Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. Past R. W. Grand Master.
- " Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
- " John Phillips, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
- " Thomas Cave, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
- " Joseph Blame, Grand Pursuivant, Pro Temp.
- " William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 87, 96, 89 and 91 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read and thereupon, the following Grand Officers elect were severally Installed into their respective Offices and proclaimed and saluted according to Ancient Form and Usage, viz :

Bro^r. Israel Israel, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

- " James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Sen^r. Grand Warden.
- " Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit :

Bro^r. Daniel M^cKaraher, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Robert Lewis, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews, } Grand Chaplains.
Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. William Rogers, }

Bro^r. Major Andrew Nilson, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Gen^r. Thomas Proctor, Grand Marshal.

“ Thomas Cave, } Grand Stewards.
“ John Phillips, }

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Joseph Blame, }
“ John Uhle, } Hall Committee.
“ Ezekiel Howell, }

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. for the N^o. Liberties,

“ Israel Israel, Esq^r. (the R. W. G. M.) for the City,

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. for Southwark,

Recommenders of Objects to the Dispensary.

The Lodges were then called on for their Returns when the following Returns, &c., were received and read, Viz :

Return of the Officers of the Grand H. R. A. Chapter for the Year 5804.

Bro^r. Israel Israel, Esq^r. R. W. Grand

Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge, 1st Grand Chief.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. 2nd Grand Chief.

“ Thomas Town, 3rd Grand Chief.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. Grand Recorder.

“ Daniel M^cKaraher, Grand Treasurer.

Members elected to assist the Grand Officers in Visiting Lodges, Viz :

Cadwallader Griffith.

John Uhle.

Peter Le Barbier Duplessis.

Lodge N^o. 2. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Rayner, W. M.; Bro^r. Jasper Carter, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Quin, J. W.; Bro^r. John Keane, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Pullen, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 49 Mem-

bers and returning the Expulsion of J—— R——, Book binder, for Non payment of Dues ; and Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to the same period.

Lodge N^o. 3. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Hoover, W. M.; Bro^r. Vincent Ducomb, S. W.; Bro^r. Caleb Sarin, J. W.; Bro^r. George Ansbej, Secretary ; Bro^r. Caleb Hughes, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 9. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Cave, W. M.; Bro^r. William Huckel, S. W.; Bro^r. William Wray, J. W.; Bro^r. James Wilkins, Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 19. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Doct^r. William Revoudt, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Robert Hill, S. W.; Bro^r. George Weaver, J. W.; Bro^r. David Coombs, Secretary ; Bro^r. Ebenezer Ferguson, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 21 Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to this Time. A Communication from said Lodge was read informing that Parr Willard had Petitioned to be reinstated in the Lodge on payment of his Dues and requesting the Grand Lodge to take his Case into Consideration that he might be again admitted a Member on payment of his Dues. Whereupon, Resolved, That Lodge N^o. 19 be informed that the right rests with them of acting in the Case as they see proper.

Lodge N^o. 52. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Daniel Bussier, W. M., Bro^r. Joseph Beal, S. W.; Bro^r. George Simington, J. W.; Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Secretary ; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 62. A Letter from Bro^r. William Bell, W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 62, dated Reading, 25 Decem^r. was read. It informed that Bro^r. John Spayd was elected W. M^r. and that immediately after S^t. John's Day, due attention should be paid to the making out the Returns and transmitting them.

Lodge N^o. 67. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Kannan, W. M.; Bro^r. Martin Saurman, S. W.; Bro^r. Lodewyck Sharpe, J. W.; Bro^r. Frederick Baumgart, Secretary ; Bro^r. Jacob Belsterling, Treasurer. Return of Members, return-

ing 34 Members and Returning the Expulsion of W—
E—, H— S—, E— C—, J— A— (Doctor),
I— H—, J— R—, A— D—.

Lodge N^o 72. Election Return, returning Bro^r Joseph Blame, W. M.; Bro^r John Painter, S. W.; Bro^r Francis Shallus, J. W.; Bro^r Philip Derrick, Secretary; Bro^r George Willig, Treasurer. A Communication informing of the Expulsions of B— H— and A— S—, Chairmaker.

Lodge N^o 75. Election Return, returning Bro^r Robert Britt, W. M^r; Bro^r Caleb Townsend, S. W.; Bro^r George Strickland, J. W.; Bro^r Joseph Shugait, Secretary; Bro^r Hugh Strickland, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 24 Members and returning the Expulsion of J— D—, P— T— and D— J—. Account of Grand Lodge Dues, and a Copy of their Bye Laws which were refer^d to Bro^{rs} A. Nilson, Campbell and Phillips to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o 81. Election Return, returning Bro^r John Sellers, W. M.; Bro^r Anthony Hergesheimer, S. W.; Bro^r Samuel Norton, J. W.; Bro^r Thomas Norton, Secretary; Bro^r Samuel Deal, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 32 Members.

Lodge N^o 91. Election Return, returning Bro^r Thomas Hennessy, W. M.; Bro^r John Sweeny, S. W.; Bro^r Abraham Cohn, J. W.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary write to the different Lodges desiring them to transmit Copies of their Bye Laws to the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren, that having lately been at Lancaster he had Visited Lodge N^o 43 held at that place, he having directed them to be convened for that purpose, and that he had great pleasure in communicating that they carried on their works with the greatest Order and regularity.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 2 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd January, A. D. 1804.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 “ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
 “ John Uhle, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
 “ Alexander Moore, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72 and 76 represented.

Ten Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Lower Canada of 1st January, 1803, was read ; it contained the Names of their Grand Officers for the Year 1803, being

His Royal Highness Edward, Duke of Kent and Strathern, &c., R. W. Grand Master.

- Bro^r. John Lynd, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 “ William Holmes, Esq^r. R. W. S. G. Warden.
 “ Thomas Edgeworth, Esq^r. R. W. J. G. Warden.
 “ William Lindsay, jun^r. R. W. G. Secretary.
 “ Peter Duchouquet, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Also a List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, being 18 in Number and it communicated sundry Expulsions. Ordered, to be placed among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts dated 8th October last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicated the Names of their Grand Officers, being

- Bro^r. Isaiah Thomas, Esq^r. R. W. G. M.
 “ Simon Eliot, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. M.
 “ Timothy Biglow, Esq^r. R. W. S. G. W.
 “ Isaac Hurd, (M. D.,) R. W. J. G. W.
 “ John Proctor, Esq^r. R. W. G. Secr^r.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Thaddeus M. Harris, R. W. G. Correspond^t
Sec^r.

Bro^r. Allen Crocker, R. W. G. Treasurer.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon. It is dated 9th May last.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, dated 2nd December last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Petition from divers Brethren was read praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge to be called the *Rising Sun Lodge*, at the House of William Miller in Bloomsbury, Bloom Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and that Bro^r. Daniel B. Potter may be named W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Park, S. W., and Bro^r. Christian Brobst, J. W. of the same, which Petition being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On Motion, Order'd, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 100.

Election Return of Lodge N^o 59 was read, returning Bro^r.

John P. Hood, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Philip Boyle, S. W.; Bro^r. William Buckley, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sweeney, Secretary; Bro^r. John Ward, Treasurer.

The Committee appointed on the 5th Sept^r. last report respecting a question contained in a Letter from the W. M^r. of Lodge N^o 12 made Report, which was read and is in the words following, Viz :

“The Committee to whom was referred that part of a Letter from the W. M^r. of Lodge N^o 12, held at Winchester, Virginia, requesting a decision of this Grand Lodge to the following Question.

“Can a Mason be a Member of Two Lodges, at One and the same time, and under Two different Grand Lodges?”

“Report, That they have duly considered the same and are clearly of Opinion that such a principle cannot be admitted, either under the same Jurisdiction or under Two or more Grand Lodges. That the application of a Brother to be a

“joining Member ought not to be received until full satisfaction was given that the Applicant had regularly and Honourably withdrawn from the Lodge he formerly belong'd, and under no pretence whatever can he be admitted a Member of One Lodge, and yet retain his Membership in another.

“Decem^r. 5, 1803.

“EBENEZER FERGUSON.

“ROBERT PULLEN.”

Which Report was Adopted.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th March, 1804.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph Blame, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Frederick Erringer, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. late R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 65, 70, 71, 72, 73, and 91 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Grand General and Adjourned Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 16th January were read. It appeared that said Committee had granted the following sums, Viz :

Bro ^r . Michael Kuhn's Widow, (N ^o . 52,) . . .	\$10.
Bro ^r . Nicholas Low's Widow, (N ^o . 19,) . . .	10.
Bro ^r . William Cox's Widow, (N ^o . 51,) . . .	10.

\$30.

And that the Sum of \$10 voted for Bro^r. John Claypoole's use on the 15th August last, not having been desired by Bro^r. Claypoole's Wife, the Order had been returned to the said Committee and Cancelled.

On Motion, the said proceedings of the Committee of Charity were approved of.

A Letter from Bro^r. John Selby, dated Halifax, Nova Scotia, 2nd January last, was read. It communicated that he had resigned the Office of Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Ordered to be filed.

The Returns of Lodge N^o. 12, of December last, were received and read, Viz: Election Return, returning Bro^r. Richard Bowen, W. M.; Bro^r. William Silver, S. W.; Bro^r. Conrad Kramer, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Thomas, Secretary; Bro^r. Daniel Sitler, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 41 Members up to 24th June last, and returning the Expulsion of I—— W—— and the Rejection of W—— H——.

A Letter from Bro^r. Joel T. Gustine, to Bro^r. Grand Secretary, dated Winchester, 25th December, 1803, Acknowledging the receipt of a Copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in re-instating him in Lodge N^o. 12.

A Letter from said Bro^r. Gustine to the R. W. Grand Master was read. It acknowledged that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in his Case had been received, but informed of the irregular proceedings of Lodge N^o. 12 in reinstating him agreeably to the decision of the Grand Lodge, and of the disrespectful manner in which the decision of the Grand Lodge was treated by Lodge N^o. 12.

A Letter from Bro^r. Jesse Kyle, dated Frederick County, Virginia, Decem^r. 15 last, was then read. It was on the same subject with the above Letter from Bro^r. Gustine, and informing of the improper proceedings of Lodge N^o. 12. On Consideration, both said Letters were referr'd to Bro^r. Milnor, Duplessis and Pullen to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from Lodge N^o 19, respecting Samuel Hampton, late a Member of said Lodge, stating improper Conduct of the said Samuel by appropriating Monies of Widows to his own use, &c., was read and referr'd to Bro^m Hennessey, Bussier, Blame, Hoover and Ducomb to examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from the W. M. Lodge N^o 21, was read informing the said Lodge has adopted the Name of Perseverance, said Letter was accompanied with their Returns to S^t John's Day last, Viz :

Election Return, returning Bro^r James Ph. Puglia, W. M.; Bro^r John Mytinger, S. W.; Bro^r Richard Rees, J. W.; Bro^r Jacob Weun, Secretary; Bro^r Andrew Lee, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 29 Members and returning the Expulsions of S—— B. D——, W—— McF——, J—— B——, S—— H——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Election Returns of Lodge N^o 85, Viz : Of June 1803, returning Bro^r James Maize, W. M.; Bro^r Lewis Mytinger, S. W.; Bro^r Joseph Cadwallader, J. W.; Bro^r William Moore, Treasurer. Of December 1803, returning Bro^r James Maize, W. M.; Bro^r Joseph Cadwallader, S. W.; Bro^r Thomas Provines, J. W.; Bro^r Robert Hunter, Secretary; Bro^r William Moore, Treasurer.

A Letter from the Brethren whose Petition for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in Bloomsbury was read and the prayer thereof granted on the 2nd Jan^r last, dated Bloomsbury, 4th February, was read. It requested that Bro^r Christian Brobst, might be named Master in the Warrant in the room of Bro^r Daniel B. Potter who had declined; and that Bro^r John Cincle, might be named Junior Warden in the room of Bro^r Brobst. Which Letter being signed by all the Petitioners for said Warrant, to wit: Bro^m Daniel B. Potter, William Park, Christian Brobst, Daniel Goodan and John Cincle. On Motion, Resolved, That their request be complied with.

On Motion, The Committee appointed on the 5th September last, on the Letter from S—— B. D—— respecting his Expulsion from Lodge N^o 21 were discharged.

On Account of Bro^r Robert C. Latimer's poor state of

Health he was permitted to withdraw from the Committee of Accounts and Bro^r. Thomas Shoemaker was appointed in his room.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Committee of Accounts be directed to call on the Committee appointed on the 15th November, 1802, to procure Subscriptions in Aid of the Building in Filbert Street, and to examine and inspect what Monies have been subscribed, what Monies have actually been collected by each Member of the Committee, and how much each Member has paid over to the Building Committee and also the Amount of Monies subscribed and remaining uncollected and that they Report the same fully to this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock, P. M. to Monday, the 2nd Day of April next, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th April, 1804.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Gavin Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. Past R. W. Grand Master.

“ Andrew Nilson, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Doct^r. William Revoudt, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 87, 91 and 96 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

Monday, the 2nd Day of April instant, the Day to which this Grand Lodge stood adjourned, having been a Holy-Day, to wit: Easter Monday, no Summonses were issued nor a meeting had agreeably to said Adjournment.

The Grand Lodge was now convened in consequence of a Letter received by the R. W. Grand Master from the Committee appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the acquisition of Louisiana on the 12th Day of May next, which Letter was read and is in the words following, to wit:

“ Sir,

“ PHILADELPHIA, March 20th, 1804.

“ As Chairman of a Committee of the joint Committee of the Tammany Society, and the Philadelphia Legion, to meet such Committees as may be chosen from all Civil, Political, or Military Associations, for the purpose of making necessary Arrangements preparatory to the celebration of the acquisition of Louisiana, on the 12th Day of May next, I am directed to address my Letter, and request the concurrence of your Society, to appoint a Committee to meet us on that Grand Jubilee, for which purpose, the above Committees have adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, 27th Instant, at 4 o'clock, P. M. at the House of Col. Kitts, at which Time and place they will be happy to meet a Committee from your Association.

I am, with due respect,

Your Fellow Citizen,

(Addressed)

ISAAC WORRELL.

“ To the R. W. Grand Master, Dep^y Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.”

Whereupon, Resolved, That the Thanks of the Brethren be presented to the said joint Committee for their polite Attention; But that they be informed at the same Time that it is incompatible with the principles of our Society to join in the procession in the Character of Masons.

Resolved, That Br^{rs} Duplessis, Pullen and Baker be a Committee to communicate the same to the said joint Committee.

The Petition of Bro^r Chedal, formerly a Member of Lodge No. 16 held at Baltimore was read. It stated that he had

lately arrived in this City from St Domingo in the greatest distress and without the means of subsistence having been obliged to abandon his Country to save his Life, therefore praying for assistance.

On Motion, the same was referr'd to the standing Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Betsey Pollard, Widow of the late John Pollard, deceased, was read. It stated the distressed situation of herself and Five Children and craved assistance.

On Motion, the same was referr'd to the standing Committee of Charity.

Bro^r. Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, was installed into his said Office and proclaimed and saluted according to Ancient Form and Usage. The Ceremony of installation was performed by Bro^r. Duplessis.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th June, A. D. 1804.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Andrew Nilson, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.

“ Thomas Cave, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.

“ Daniel Bussier, Grand Pursuivant, Pro Temp.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 91 and 96 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Special Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Standing Committee of Charity of the 30th April last, was read and approved of. It appeared by said Minutes that said Committee had granted to

Bro^r. Chedal, formerly of N^o. 16 at Baltimore and
lately arrived here from S^t. Domingo, the Sum of . \$20.
and to the Widow of the late Jn^o. Pollard, deceas'd . 10.

Total \$30.

Resolved, That in future all Communications from other Grand Lodges to this Grand Lodge be of course referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon unless otherwise directed.

A Communication from the G. L. of Nova Scotia, dated the 10th April last, was read.

A Communication from the G. L. of Lower Canada, dated the 1st January last, was read.

A Communication from the G. L. of Massachusetts, dated the 31st January last, was read.

A Communication from the G. L. of Rhode Island, dated the February last, was read.

A Communication from the G. L. of Maryland, dated the 14th November, 1803, was read.

A Communication from the G. L. of Virginia, date the 1st April last, was read.

A Communication from the G. L. of Kentucky, dated 23rd April last, was read.

All which said Communications were, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution, referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges, Viz :

Lodge N^o. 9, Philadelphia. Communication of the rejection of J— O—, a Pedlar, in said Lodge, on the 3rd February.

- Lodge N^o 12, Winchester, Virginia. Communication of the Restoration of Bro^r Isaac Woodrow in his former good standing in said Lodge on the 19th May last.
- Lodge N^o 51, Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Thomas Shoemaker, W. M^r.; Robert Poalk, S. W.; James Tatem, Secretary; Henry Beck, Treasurer. Return of Members to S^t John's Day last, returning 48 Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to same Time being \$44.23.
- Lodge N^o 71, Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning John Scott, W. M.; John Wray, jun^r. S. W.; Joseph Robinson, J. W.; William Adams, Secretary; Alexander Moore, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 79, Chambersburg. Letter with a List of Members, and accompanied with \$20, sent Bro^r Thomas Walmsley on Account. Letter dated 5th May last.
- Lodge N^o 80, Sadsbury Township, Chester C^o. Election Return of December last, returning John Hamel, W. M.; John Henry, S. W.; James Thompson, J. W.; Patrick Quin, Secretary; James Park, Treasurer. Communications of the Expulsions of J— M—, D— M^cG—, R— M^cG— and J— S— C—, and Communication of the Restoration of Bro^r James Mitchel into his former Privileges.
- Lodge N^o 83, Damascus, Wayne County. Election Return of Decem^r last, returning Moses Thomas, W. M.; Nathan Skinner, S. W.; Bezaleel Calkin, J. W.; Reuben Hanchil, Secretary; Daniel Thomas, Treasurer. Return of Members up to S^t John's Day last, returning 28 Members, and returning the rejection of G— B—. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time, Amounting to \$25.61. Communication of the removal of the Lodge on the 30th September last, from the House of Bro^r Daniel Skinner to the House of Bro^r Reuben Skinner, not quite Half a Mile, in the same Township, Damascus.
- Lodge N^o 84, Somerset. Election Return of Decem^r last, returning John Campbell, W. M.; Thomas Mackey, S. W.; Alexander Linn, J. W.; Otho Shrader, Secretary; John

McFeely, Treasurer. Return of Members up to St John's Day last, returning 17 Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to same Time, Amounting to \$16.30.

Lodge N^o. 72, Philadelphia. Return of Members up to St John's Day last, returning Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to the same period, Amounting to \$

Lodge N^o. 96, New Ark, Delaware. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to 24th Ins^t. Amounting to \$24.87. Communication of the rejections of A—— M—— and W—— W——.

A Letter was received from Bro^r. Samuel Townsend which was read and is in the words following, Viz: "To the R. W. Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Gentlemen: Being inform'd that a few Members of Lodge N^o. 75, (not exceeding Four), on Saturday, the 21st of April, laid a charge against me, and Expelled me from the Benefits of Masonry, without letting me know the complaint, or giving me a chance of making any Defence whatever. I also call'd on the Lodge on the 19th of May at their stated Meeting, for a Copy of their proceedings against me, which was also refused. I now call on the R. W. Grand Lodge for a redress of Grievances, and will as soon as may be, inform the W. Master of Lodge N^o. 75 that I have Appealed from their Decision and Conduct towards me. I am in the mean Time, Your most Obedient and very Humble Servant,

(Sign'd) "SAM^l. TOWNSEND."

Whereupon, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary write to Lodge N^o. 75 transmitting them a Copy of the said Letter and desiring them to furnish the G. Lodge with a Copy of their proceedings in the said Case.

The Committee appointed on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 96 on the 5th December last, and on the Bye Laws of N^o. 75 on the 27th December last, made their Report which was read and is in the words following, Viz:

"PHILADELPHIA, April 16, 1804.

"We the Committee appointed on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 96 and 75, Beg leave to Report, That we have Investigated the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 96 and 75 and find nothing

“derogatory from the Land Marks of Ancient Masonry as far
 “as we are able to Judge of the same. Therefore, Report
 “them as they are.

(Sign'd)

“JOHN PHILLIPS, N^o. 2.

“AND^w. NILSON.

“JOSEPH CAMPBELL.”

Which Report was accepted.

The Committee appointed on the 5th March last, on the
 Communication of Lodge N^o. 19 respecting the Conduct of
 S—— H——, formerly a Member of said Lodge, made their
 Report which was read and is in the words following, Viz :

“We the Committee appointed by the R. W. the Grand
 “Lodge of Pennsylvania for the purpose of investigating the
 “merits of the within Report beg leave to state that after hav-
 “ing fully examined the Witnesses, Papers, Books and Ac-
 “counts offered to us, We find that the within Report is well
 “founded in every particular and that the within S——
 “H—— has been guilty of imposing on the Credulity of the
 “Widows and Orphans within named by appropriating their
 “Monies to his own Use and rendering an unjust Account of
 “the same.

“Philad^a. 27th March, 1804. (Sign'd)

“THO. HENNESSY.

“DAN^l. BUSSIER.

“JOHN HOOVER.

“VINCENT DUCOMB.

“JOSEPH BLAME.”

Which said Report was Adopted, And thereupon Resolved,
 That said S—— H—— be Expelled from the Fraternity and
 that his Expulsion be duly Communicated with the Com-
 munications of this G. Lodge and that the Certificate which
 he formerly obtained from Lodge N^o. 19 be retained by the
 Grand Secretary.

Bro^r. Hennessy presented an Account of Expences incurr'd
 by the Committee on the said Communication respecting
 S—— H——, amounting to \$2.75.

Ordered, that the same be paid out of the Funds of the
 Grand Lodge.

The Petition of John Collins, late a Member of Lodge N^o. 728 in Ireland, stating his being in distressed circumstances and praying relief was read.

Ordered, That the Sum of Ten Dollars be granted him and that his said Petition be also referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Committee of Accounts informed that they were not ready to Report the Accounts of the Committee appointed on the 15th November, 1802, to procure Subscriptions in Aid of the Building of the Hall.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to St^c John's Day next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday 7th June, A. D. 1804.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ John Hoover, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph Burden, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Thomas Rayer, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 52, 67, 70 and 91 represented.

Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Brethren that they were convened in consequence of an Application from divers Brethren praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in Dauphin County.

The said Petition was thereupon read. It is from Six

Brethren, late Members of Lodge N^o. 21 held at Harrisburg, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Palms Town, Londonderry Township, Dauphin County, (being on the Road from Reading to Harrisburgh about 38 Miles from the former and about 18 Miles from the latter), and that Bro^r. William Patten, D. D., might be named Master; Bro^r. Joseph Dayarmon, S. Warden, and Bro^r. Frederick Wolfersberger, J. Warden of the same, and that the same be held at the House of the said Bro^r. Joseph Dayarmon. Which Petition being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On Motion, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 101.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Monday, 25th June, (St. John's Day having fallen on Sunday 24th Instant), A. D. 1804.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, Esq^r. R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ John Hoover, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.

“ William Wray, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.

“ Frederick Erringer, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 87, 88 and 91 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

Bro^m Milnor, Ferguson and Pullen were Appointed a standing Committee to Examine the Bye Laws of the different Lodges as the same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge and Report thereon.

The Lodges were severally called on for their Returns, when the following Returns were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 2. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Rainer, W. M.; Bro^r. Jasper Carter, S. W.; Bro^r. Stephen Clayton, J. W.; Bro^r. John Kean, Secretary ; Bro^r. Robert Pullen, Treasurer. A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 2, which was referr'd to the standing Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 3. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Vincent Ducomb, W. M.; Bro^r. James Ker, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Hargesheimer, J. W.; Bro^r. George Ansbey, Secretary ; Bro^r. Caleb Hughes, Treasurer. A Communication from Lodge N^o. 3, enclosing a List of Members of Lodge N^o. 21 at Harrisburgh, was read. Ordered, that the same be read at the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Lodge N^o. 5, at Cantwell's Bridge. Election Return, returning (Dec^r. 1803) Bro^r. Jacob Streets, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Sawyer, S. W.; Bro^r. Luke Derrickson, J. W.; Bro^r. John Moody, Secretary ; Bro^r. William Lindsey, Treasurer. Return of Members up to December last being 11 standing Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to December last, Amounting to \$9.96.

Lodge N^o. 9, at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Wray, W. M.; Bro^r. William Huckell, S. W.; Bro^r. John Burns, J. W.; Bro^r. James Wilkins, Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 12, Winchester, Virginia. Account of Grand Lodge Dues from June, 1802, to June, 1803, Amounting to \$39.56.

Lodge N^o. 52, at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Passey, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Beal, S. W.; Bro^r. William Franklin, J. W.

Lodge N^o. 70, at Tyoga Point. Election Return of Decem^r. last, returning Bro^r. Joseph Kingsberry, W. M.; Bro^r. Elisha Satterlee, S. W.; Bro^r. William W. Spalding, J. W.; Bro^r.

David Paine, Secretary ; Bro^r. John Spalding, Treasurer. Return of Members to Decem^r. 1803, returning 29 Members, and returning the Rejection of E—— T——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to the same Time.

Lodge N^o. 91, at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Sweeney, W. M.; Bro^r. Abraham Cohen, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel L. Jones, J. W.; Bro^r. Alexander M^cKenzey, Secretary ; Bro^r. William Gethen, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 19 Members and returning the Suspension of J—— N—— D——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

A Letter from Lodge N^o. 92, held at Union Town, dated 7th Instant, was read. It requested information and Advice respecting the following question, Viz : “ When a Brother not a “ Member of any Lodge in America has injured another “ Brother who at the Time was not a Member of any Lodge, “ but has a Certificate from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania “ and since the injury has deposited his Certificate and been “ admitted to Membership in Lodge N^o. 92, in what manner “ and before what Tribunal may the Brother injured seek re- “ dress ? ” On Consideration, the said Letter was referr’d to the Committee of Correspondence to Report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication.

A Letter from Bro^r. James Edgar, dated Kaskaskia, 7th May last, directed to James or Thomas Wilkins, was read. Bro^r. Edgar thereby intimated a desire of obtaining a Dispensation for holding a Lodge at Kaskaskia, until a society should be formed when Application might be made for a Warrant. Ordered, to lie over for consideration until the next Quarterly Communication.

The Committee of Correspondence presented their Report on the Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, referred to them on the 4th Instant, which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“ The Committee of Correspondence of the R. W. Grand “ Lodge of Pennsylvania to whom was referred a Communica- “ tion from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, requesting “ the Opinion of the several Grand Lodges of the United States

“ on the propriety and expediency of applying for Act of In-
“ corporation.

“ Respectfully Report,

“ That in the Opinion of Your Committee such a Measure is
“ neither expedient, proper, nor consistent with the nature and
“ design of our institutions. The only ostensible reason for
“ seeking this Novel appendage is the more certain security of
“ Titles to real Estate; but when it is considered how little
“ danger or inconvenience attends the creation of Trusts for
“ this purpose, in the hands of solid and respectable Members
“ of the Fraternity, and their occasional renewal on the demise
“ of any considerable Number of such Trustees, Your Com-
“ mittee cannot consider this object as of any pressing necessity,
“ and any benefits to be derived from it, they apprehend, would
“ be counter balanced by evils and dangers of an incalculable
“ extent. They trust indeed, that they will not be considered
“ as betraying a warmth of feeling beyond what the occasion
“ calls for, when they declare their settled conviction, that
“ Charters of Incorporation, engrafted on Masonic establish-
“ ments, are by far the most serious and alarming innovations
“ that have ever threatened their Secrecy, Harmony, good
“ order and perpetuity. Has it been considered, Your Com-
“ mittee would ask, that by the acceptance of a Charter the
“ Masonic institution becomes the creature of the Civil Gov-
“ ernment, that its freedom of Action and independence are
“ destroyed, that its conduct becomes subjected to external
“ controul and restraint, and that instead of being accountable
“ only to the great Architect, it becomes a responsible member
“ of the political body? The usual incidents of incorporated
“ institutions will of course be annexed to these; and one of
“ the most prominent is their being subject to judicial pro-
“ cess, not only in the capacity of suing and being sued for
“ pecuniary demands, but on the complaints of individuals,
“ who may be induced to resort to the legal Tribunals of the
“ Country, for the redress of such real or imaginary wrongs, as
“ ought only to be redressed or considered in the bosom of the
“ Lodge. Thus may our most secret transactions be exposed
“ to the observation, criticism, and sneers of the uninitiated,

“ whenever a disappointed Candidate for Office, or an unworthy expelled Brother shall choose to resort to a Court for the satisfaction of an alledged or pretended injury ; On such application the grounds of our decisions will be examined, and after an unwarrantable and ruinous exposure of proceedings, which the nature of our Society requires to be sacred and confidential, we may be subjected to the painful necessity of seeing our ancient and inviolable Land marks disregarded, and set at nought, by Men, who, however otherwise wise and learned, have not a view of the whole ground, and are in consequence ignorant of their utility and insensible of the beautiful consistent aspect they present to the Masonic observer. Your Committee will not more particularly advert to other inconveniencies of a similar nature, nor to still more alarming evils which in the course of human events, and the urgency of political circumstances, might possibly, in their Opinion, ensure the adoption of this measure, nor do they mean to dwell on the impolicy of encouraging a spirit of insubordination, by suffering dissatisfied individuals to hope for any extraneous aids against the occasional censures, or other acts of the bodies to which they belong. They will only add that the Grand Lodge of England once agreed to apply for a Charter of Incorporation, and a Bill was introduced into Parliament for that purpose, but no sooner was its pernicious tendency discovered, than the united remonstrances of the Brethren induced the then Deputy Grand Master, who was a Member of the House of Commons, to move for its postponement sine die. The Motion was agreed to and the measure has not been revived. Such a Measure was also once brought forward in Your R. W. Body ; it was referred to a Committee where it has rested for several Years, and it is hoped will never again be heard of.

“ Your Committee being of Opinion that the Order and Symmetry, the peace, Welfare and durability of our Ancient and Honourable Society are founded on its total independence of Civil or political establishments, and that its ability to perpetuate its existence without any other aid than the

“conscientious labours of the Brethren and the favour of the
 “Divine Architect is not diminished, recommend, that a
 “fraternal Communication be made to the Grand Lodge of
 “Virginia, thanking them for their confidence and respect in
 “submitting this question to Your Consideration, and should
 “you concur in the sentiments contained in this Report, that
 “the same be transmitted therewith to the said R. W. Grand
 “Lodge. St John’s Day, 25 June, 1804.

(Sign’d)

“JAMES MILNOR.

“PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.”

On Consideration, the said Report was Unanimously
 Adopted and the Grand Secretary directed to Communicate
 the same to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 12 o’clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3rd September, A. D. 1804.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communi-
 cation.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Joseph Blame, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Rayer, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ William Wray, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 52, 51, 57, 67, 68, 70, 72 and 91 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was
 opened in Ample Form.

Resolved, That on Account of the Weather being exceed-

ingly Warm the reading of the Minutes be dispensed with And that no business be taken up this Evening except what shall appear essentially necessary and that all other business now before the Grand Lodge lay over for an Adjourned Communication.

A Petition was read from divers Brethren praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Joppa near Jenkin Town, in the County of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, to be called Jerusalem Lodge, and that Bro^r. Doctor Ebenezer Hickling, might be named Master ; Bro^r. Mahlon Dungan, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Joseph Thomas, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, On Motion,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 102.

A Letter from Bro^r. Snyder, Grand Tyler, was read and is in the words following, Viz :

“ Right Worshipful Grand Master,

“ Your Grand Tyler respectfully begs Leave to represent, “ that mostly on every S^t. John’s Day he is in a very disagree- “ able situation, and without intention gives Offence either to “ the New Officers elect, or to the Old Ones. Both are want- “ ing the Aprons and Jewells of their Office, and claim the “ right to represent the Grand Lodge for their respective “ Lodges for that Day. The New Officers say, that they are “ Installed, and that their Time begins on that Day, the Old “ Officers contend that they receive Notices from the Grand “ Secretary, to attend the Grand Lodge and not the New “ Officers elect, that the Grand Lodge does not know the “ New Officers until after the Grand Lodge is opened, and the “ Reports of the New Officers are read ; consequently the “ Time of the New Officers begins after the Grand Lodge is “ closed.

“ I therefore humbly beg the Right Worshipful Grand “ Lodge will please to decide which of the Officers has the “ right to wear the Aprons and Jewells on S^t. John’s Day, So “ that I may know to whom to give them and prevent further

“altercation on that point. I remain with the greatest respect,
 “Right W. G. Master,
 “Your very Humble Servant and Bro^r-
 “W^m. SCHNIDER, G. TYLER.

The Consideration of which Letter was postponed.

A Commission appointing Bro^r. William M^cCullagh, Proxy of Rising Sun Lodge, N^o. 100, held in Bloomsburg, Northumberland County was read and Bro^r. M^cCullagh duly recognized as Proxy of said Lodge.

A Letter from Doct^r. George Green was read and is in the words following, Viz :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, &c., composing the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Pennsylvania.

“Gentⁿ

“Inclosed is a Certificate from the Grand Lodge of London, “which I have presented to several subordinate Lodges, in “different parts of the United States, for Ten or Eleven Years “past, without any difficulty.

“The Composition, and Signature of this Certificate is “doubted, which M^r. Pullen, the Worshipful J. Grand Warden “can testify.

“I request you will therefore take the same into considera- “tion. I take the Liberty of observing, that it is not only “calling me, but it is calling *the Grand Lodge of London* to an “account.

“I request the Favor of being present during the Time it is “considered, in Order to Answer any Charge respecting it.

“I am Gentⁿ. Yours respectfully,
 “Sept^r. 3^d. 180 “GEORGE GREEN.”

Whereupon on Consideration, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary write to the R. W. G. Lodge of England transmitting them the said Certificate and requesting the favour of their Communicating to this G. L. whether the same be genuine or not.

Resolved, That the Building Committee be Authorized to

Let the Room on the First Floor in the Hall, as also the Cellar under the same, to any person they shall see proper.

Grand Lodge Adjourned at 9 o'clock, P. M. to the Third Monday in October next, at 6 o'clock P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th October, A. D. 1804.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 “ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ Francis Shallus, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.
 “ William Wray, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ Joseph Blame, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 9, 19, 21, 45, 67, 71, 72 and 91 represented.

Eight Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of 4th June, of the Grand Special Communication of 7th June, of the Grand General Communication, (S^t John's Day,) of 25th June and also of the Grand Quarterly Communication of 3rd September, were severally read.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of England, was read and together with its inclosure, referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from Bro^r. Decout, Member of Lodge N^o. 89, held in the Island of S^t Domingo, praying for relief was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The following Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges were read, Viz

Lodge N^o. 2, Philadelphia. Communication of the Rejection of S—— M^cC——.

Lodge N^o. 11, London Grove Township, Chester County. Returns of Members up to S^t John's Day last, returning 21 Members, and returning the Rejection of D—— M—— and the Expulsions of T—— H——, J—— M——, P—— C—— and T—— E——.

Lodge N^o. 19, Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Robert Hill, M^r.; Thomas Tomkins, S. W.; Lambert Ledcut, J. W.; David Coombs, Secretary; James Rolph, Treasurer. Return of Members up to S^t John's Day last, returning 30 Members. Communication of the Expulsion of H—— H—— for unmasonic Conduct and Misdemeanor.

Lodge N^o. 51, Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Robert Poalk, M^r.; Bro^r. James Tatham, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Kidd, J. W.; Bro^r. James Tatem, Secretary; Bro^r. William J. Baker, Treasurer. Also an Extract from the Minutes of Lodge N^o. 51, stating that the Sum of Ten Dollars had been Appropriated by them from each Initiation for the purpose of Assisting the Building Committee in discharging the Accounts due on the Hall.

Lodge N^o. 45, Pittsburgh. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. James Kerwin, M^r.; Bro^r. Henry Baldwin, S. W.; Bro^r. James Riddle, J. W.; Bro^r. Tarleton Bates, Secretary; Bro^r. Hugh Scott, Treasurer. Return of Members up to S^t John's Day, Decem^r. last, returning 29 Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to the same Time. Bye Laws of said Lodge, accompanied by a Letter from the W. M., requesting the Opinion of the R. W. G. L. on the Constitutionality of the 2nd Section of their Bye Laws. Referr^d to the Standing Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon. Bro^r. Smith, Proxy of N^o. 45, stated that he had received \$100 on Account of the Dues of that Lodge.

Lodge N^o. 57, Newtown, Bucks County. Return of Officers of June last, returning Bro^r. Andrew Quintin, M^r.; Bro^r. James Kinsey, S. W.; Bro^r. William Kelley, J. W.; Bro^r. Enos Morris, Secretary; Bro^r. James Raguet, Treasurer.

Account of their G. Lodge Dues to 4th March last. A Copy of their Bye Laws which was referr'd to the Standing Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 67, Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Martin Saurman, M^r.; Bro^r. Lodewyck Sharpe, S. W.; Bro^r. Michael Hegtenberg, J. W.; Bro^r. Frederick Baumgart, Secretary; Bro^r. Jacob Belsterling, Treasurer. A communication of the rejection of H—— L——.

Lodge N^o. 68, Town of Mifflin. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Isaac Craven, W. M.; Bro^r. James Serrill, S. W.; Bro^r. James Kenny, J. W.; Bro^r. Ezra Doty, Secretary; Bro^r. Roswell Doty, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 71, Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Wray, W. M.; Bro^r. William Adams, S. W.; Bro^r. Peter Bob, J. W.; Bro^r. Lewis Reed, Secretary; Bro^r. Enoch Allen, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72, Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Painter, W. M.; Bro^r. Francis Shallus, S. W.; Bro^r. Adam Hammer, J. W.; Bro^r. John Jones Palmer, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer. Copy of their Bye Laws which were referr'd to the Standing Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 81, Germantown. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Anthony Hergesheimer, W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Norton, S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Colladay, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Norton, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Deal, Treasurer.

A Letter from Bro^r. James Ph. Puglia was read, stating that he had installed the Officers of Lodge N^o. 101 in Virtue of a Dispensation from the R. W. Grand Master.

The Letter from Bro^r. Samuel Townsend respecting his Ex-pulsion by Lodge N^o. 75 read on the 4th June last was again read. No answer having been returned to the Grand Secretary's Letter requesting a Copy of their proceedings in this Case the further Consideration of said Letter was postponed.

The Letter from Bro^r. James Edgar respecting a Dispensation for holding a Lodge at Kaskaskia, read on St^t. John's Day last, and Ordered to lie over for Consideration was again read and referred to the R. W. Grand Master to take such Measures thereon as he may deem most expedient.

The Letter from Bro^r. Snyder, Grand Tyler, read on the 3rd September last, and whereof the Consideration was postponed was again read. Whereupon on Consideration, Resolved, That the New Officers of the different Lodges are entitled to wear their Badges and represent their respective Lodges in Grand Lodge on the S^t John's Day ensuing their Election.

The following Motion was laid on the Table by the R. W. P. G. M. Smith, for Consideration. "That whenever the "peculiar Circumstances of any Lodge may render it expedient or inconvenient to elect their Officers on or before each "S^t John's Day that they be permitted to hold Annual "Elections."

The R. W. G. Lodge was closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.
FRANCIS SHALLUS, G. Sec^r. Pro Temp.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3rd December, A. D. 1804.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
- “ Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r. R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
- “ John Phillips, Senior Grand Warden, Pro Temp.
- “ Robert Lewis, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
- “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 52, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 81, 87, 91, 98, 100 and 102 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

A Letter from Bro^r. Milnor, the R. W. D. G. M. to Bro^r. Grand Secretary was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“ Dear Sir,

“ You will oblige me by making known to the Right Wor-
 “ shipful Grand Lodge, that I am under the necessity of de-
 “ clining the Honor of being considered a Candidate for the
 “ Office of Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing Year.

“ They will be pleased at the same Time to receive my
 “ sincere Thanks for the many marks of confidence and respect
 “ with which they have favoured me in the various appoint-
 “ ments to which I have been from Time to Time called, hav-
 “ ing only to regret my want of ability more perfectly to dis-
 “ charge the Duties connected with them.

“ Accept for yourself the assurances of my sincere regard and
 “ believe me,

“ Your Faithful Brother and Obed^t Serv^t.”

“ Dec^r 3, 1804.”

“ JAMES MILNOR, D. G. M. G. L. P.”

Bro^r James Gardette produced a Commission from Lodge
 N^o. 93, held at New Orleans appointing him their Proxy in
 this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, he was duly recognized as such.

Bro^r Vincent Ducomb having produced his Commission as
 Proxy of Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburgh was duly acknowl-
 edged as such.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this
 was the Evening appointed by the Bye Laws of the Grand
 Lodge for holding the Election for Officers for the ensuing
 Year. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved,
 That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The following Brethren were then duly elected in Ancient
 Form, to wit :

Bro^r Israel Israel, Esq^r R. W. Grand Master (re-elected).

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 11 o'clock, P. M. to
 Monday the 17th Instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday 17th December, A. D. 1804.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Alexander Moore, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ John Painter, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Uhle, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. P. G. Master.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 68, 70, 71, 72, 76, 77, 87, 89, 93 and 96 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the 15th October and 3rd ins^t were read.

A Petition was read from divers Brethren praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at the City of Havannah in the Island of Cuba, to be called “ Le Temple des Vertus Theologiques ” and that Bro^r. Joseph Cerneau, might be named Master ; Bro^r. Pierre Courroy, S. W., and Bro^r. Pierre Vauchey, J. W. of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge. On Motion, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 103.

The Petition of Lydia Leslie, Widow of the late Robert Leslie, formerly Member of Lodge N^o. 52, was read. It stated her distressed situation and requested Assistance. On Consideration, Bro^{rs}. Smith, (the P. G. M.,) Pullen and Lewis were appointed a Committee to enquire into her situation and relieve her with a Sum not exceeding 50 Dollars.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M. to the third Monday in January next, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

St. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Thursday, 27th December, A. D. 1804.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Samuel Passy, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Cave, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ William Wray, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 76, 91 and 96 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read and thereupon the R. W. Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective Offices in Ancient Form, Viz :

Bro^r. Israel Israel, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. Grand Master.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit :

Bro^r. Robert Lewis, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Thomas Rayner, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. William Rodgers, } Grand Chaplains.
Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. George Potts, }

Bro^r. Thomas Cave, } Grand Stewards.
“ John Phillips, }

“ Andrew Nilson, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Thomas Procter, Grand Marshal.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

- Bro^r. William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
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| “ James Milnor, Esq ^r . | } Committee of Correspondence. |
| “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, | |
| “ Robert Lewis, | |
| “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, | } Committee on Accounts. |
| “ Thomas Hennessy, | |
| “ Thomas Shoemaker, | |
| “ Robert Lewis, | |
| “ Samuel Israel, | |
| “ Joseph Blame, | } Hall Committee. |
| “ John Uhle | |
| “ Ezekiel Howell, | |
| “ Bro ^r . Frederick Wolbert, Esq ^r
(the R. W. D. G. M.) for the
Northern Liberties, | } Recommenders of
Objects to the
Philadelphia Dis-
pensary. |
| “ Israel Israel, Esq ^r (the R. W.
G. M.) for the City, | |
| “ Robert Hill, for Southwark, | |
| “ Frederick Wolbert, Esq ^r .
R. W. D. G. M. | } Committee to Ex-
amine the Bye
Laws of the Sub-
ordinate Lodges
as the same shall be transmitted to the Grand
Lodge. |
| “ Robert Pullen, R. W. S. G. W. | |
| “ Robert Poalk, R. W. J. G. W. | |

The Petition of Catharine Sisson, Widow of Capⁿ. Preserved Sisson, late a Member of Lodge N^o. 5, held in Charlestown, South Carolina, craving Assistance was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The following Returns were then received and read, to wit :

Return of the Officers of the Grand H. R. A. Chapter for the Year 5805, Viz :

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| Bro ^r . Israel, Esq ^r . | R. W. Grand |
| | Master of Pennsylvania, ex officio, 1 st Grand Chief. |
| “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq ^r . | late R. W. |
| | Grand Master, 2 nd Grand Chief. |
| “ Cadwallader Griffith, | 3 rd Grand Chief. |
| “ Robert Pullen, . . . | Grand Scribe. |
| “ Thomas Amies, . . . | Grand Treasurer. |

Committee appointed to Assist the Grand Officers in Visiting Lodges, Viz :

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis.

“ Cadwallader Griffith.

“ William Nelson.

Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Rayner, W. M.; Bro^r. Jasper Carter, S. W.; Bro^r. Stephen Clayton, J. W.; Bro^r. John Phillips, Secretary ; Bro^r. Robert Pullen, Treasurer. Return of Members, 69 in Number. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Hergesheimer, W. M.; Bro^r. George Ansbey, S. W.; Bro^r. Christ^r. Lindemuth, J. W.; Bro^r. Secretary ; Bro^r. John Hoover, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 9, held at Philadelphia. E. Return, Bro^r. William Huckell, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Wilkins, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Harrison, J. W.; Bro^r. James Wilkins, Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Tompkins, W. M.; Bro^r. James Rolph, S. W.; Bro^r. George Wimar, J. W.; Bro^r. David Coombs, Secretary ; Bro^r. William T. Donaldson, Treasurer. Return of Members, 32 in Number.

Lodge N^o. 50, held at the White Horse, Chester County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Lindsay, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Pearce, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Lindsey, J. W.; Bro^r. Marmaduke Pearce, Secretary ; Bro^r. John G. Bull, Treasurer. Returns of Members, 18 in Number, and communicating the following Expulsions, Viz : S—— D——, for Unmasonic behaviour, J—— H——, D—— W——, W—— W——, E—— P——, W—— H——, T—— P—— for Non Payment of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Robert Poalk, W. M.; Bro^r. James Tatham, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Kid, J. W.; Bro^r. Abraham H. Inskeep, Secretary ; Bro^r. William Page, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, W. M.; Bro^r. William Frank-

- lin, S. W.; Bro^r. Matthew Weaver, J. W.; Bro^r.
Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
ing Bro^r. Lodewyck Sharpe, W. M.; Bro^r. Michael Wighten-
berg, S. W.; Bro^r. Pennel Beal, J. W.; Bro^r. John Kannan,
Secretary; Bro^r. John Uhle, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 69, held at Chester. Election Return, returning
Bro^r. William Anderson, W. M.; Bro^r. John Wood, S. W.;
Bro^r. George Beale, J. W.; Bro^r. _____, Secretary;
Bro^r. Joseph Engle, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
ing Bro^r. John Ray, jun^r. W. M.; Bro^r. William Adams, S.
W.; Bro^r. Peter Bob, J. W.; Bro^r. John Scott, Secretary;
Bro^r. Enoch Allen, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
ing Bro^r. Joseph Blame, W. M.; Bro^r. Francis Shallus, S.
W.; Bro^r. Anthony Vanderslice, J. W.; Bro^r. David Niess,
jun^r. Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 75, held at Pugh Town, Chester County. Election
Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Caleb Townsend, W.
M.; Bro^r. George Strickland, S. W.; Bro^r. Lewis Evans, J.
W.; Bro^r. Thomas Evans, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Church,
Treasurer. Return of Members, being 19 in Number. Ac-
count of Grand Lodge Dues.
- Lodge N^o 79, held at Chambersburg. Election Return, re-
turning Bro^r. James Chambers, W. M.; Bro^r. Owen Aston,
S. W.; Bro^r. Simon Hailman, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Riddle,
Secretary; Bro^r. John Shryock, Treasurer. Return of Mem-
bers, being 9 in Number and returning the rejection of
T— C—, a Candidate, by Trade a Stone Mason. Ac-
count of their Grand Lodge Dues.
- Lodge N^o 80, held at Sadsbury, Chester County. Election
Return of June last, returning Bro^r. John C. Hamill, W.
M.; Bro^r. John Honey, S. W.; Bro^r. Moses Hinton, J. W.;
Bro^r. Andrew Charles, Secretary; Bro^r. James Park, Treas-
urer. Return of Members, being 25 in Number and return-
ing the rejection of H— B—, J— C— and E—
M^cK—. Account of their Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Anthony Hergesheimer, W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Norton, S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Colladay, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Norton, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Deal, Treasurer. Return of Members, 33 in Number.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 1 o'clock, P. M., to the Third Monday in January next, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 21st, A. D. 1805.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. FREDERICK WOLBERT, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.

- “ Robert Lewis, R. W. D. G. M., Pro Temp.
- “ Jonathan B. Smith, late R. W. G. M.
- “ Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
- “ James Rolph, S. Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
- “ Thomas Rayner, J. Grand Deacon.
- “ Joseph Blame, Grand Treasurer, Pro Temp.
- “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 70, 72 and 100 represented.

Ten Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication and of S^t. John's Day were read.

A Petition from divers Brethren was read praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at the House of Peter Forney, in Leacock Township, in the County of Lancaster, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be called “Philanthropic

Lodge" and that Bro^r. Samuel Passey, might be named Master; Bro^r. Joseph Lefever, Sen^r. Warden, and Bro^r. Joel Lightner, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On Motion, Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 104.

Two Communications from the Grand Lodge of England, of 7th March and 7th June last, were read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Two Communications from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of 27th April and 12th September last, were read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland of 14th May last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of the 29th September last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Two Communications from Lodge N^o. 2, held in the City of Philadelphia were read. One informed of the Rejection of W—— D——, a Candidate, and the other of the Expulsion of B—— H—— for Non Payment of dues.

A Communication from N^o. 12, held at Winchester, Virginia, was read. It stated certain inconveniences which they conceive they labour under in their Communications with the Grand Lodge, also certain doubts respecting the Grand Lodge dues of some of their Old or former Members and requests Instruction from the Grand Lodge in the premises.

On Consideration, the said Communication was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

In Compliance with a Resolution of this G. Lodge of the 4th of June last, calling on Lodge N^o. 75, held at Pugh Town, Chester county, for a Copy of their proceedings respecting the Expulsion of Bro^r. Samuel Townsend, said Lodge furnished a

Copy of their proceedings in the said Case which were read and referred to Bro^m Robert Pullen, Robert Poalk and Robert Lewis to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication of the rejection of J—— C——, Book binder, in Lodge N^o 91, held in the City of Philadelphia, was read.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on divers Communications from Grand Lodges which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred the Commuications from the following Grand Lodges, to wit : from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, enclosing a Copy of their general Regulations and Extracts from proceedings of 1802.

“From the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island of November 20th, 1802 and February, 1804, enclosing a Copy of their regulations.

“From the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of July 28, 1803.

“From the Grand Lodge of England, of Jan. 1st, 1803 and March 2, 1803.

“From the Grand Lodge of Kentucky of December 2, 1803 and April 23, 1804, enclosing Three different Copies of proceedings.

“From the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of May 9th and Nov^r. 14, 1803.

“From the Grand Lodge of Quebec, of Jan^r. 1, 1804 (Lower Canada).

“From the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of April 10th, 1804.

“And from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of January 31st, 1804.

“Beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined all those Communications and found them to contain Annual Returns of Grand Officers, local resolutions, and that friendly and useful Correspondence which should always be attended to by Grand Lodges, Also, Regulations whose variations in

“some particulars from those of Your Right Worshipful
 “Grand Lodge, do not in the Opinion of Your Committee,
 “claim at present your Attention especially as a Grand Con-
 “vention is contemplated. They contain also evident proofs
 “of the respectability and encrease of the Ancient Craft which
 “must be very satisfactory to every true Mason. Philadel-
 “phia, Decem^r. 3, 1804.

(Sign'd)

“JAMES MILNOR.

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ROBERT LEWIS.”

Which Report was accepted and the Thanks of this Grand Lodge returned to the Committee of Correspondence for the attention by them paid to the Duties of their Appointment.

The Committee appointed on the 5th March last, on Two Letters stating certain irregular proceedings in Lodge N^o. 12, held at Winchester, Virginia, made their Report which was read and is in the words following, viz :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
 “vania : The Committee to whom were referred a Letter from
 “Bro^r. Joel T. Gustine of Lodge N^o. 12 and a Letter from Bro^r.
 “Jesse Kyle, beg leave to Report, That they have examined
 “those Two Letters with due attention and are of Opinion
 “that neither of them deserves the Notice of the Grand Lodge.
 “Philad^a. Decem^r. 3, 1804.

(Sign'd)

“JAMES MILNOR.

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ROB^r. PULLEN.

Which Report was Accepted.

The late Committee of Accounts made Report on the Grand Treasurer's Accounts up to S^t John's Day in December, 1803, whereby it appeared that there was a balance of \$351.69 in the hands of the then Grand Treasurer, Brother Hamilton, on that Day.

Said Report was Accepted.

The late Committee of Accounts made Report on the Grand Secretary's Accounts up to S^t John's Day in December, 1803. Bro^r. Baker, Grand Secretary, having made objections to said

Account referred to the present Committee of Accounts to examine and Report thereon.

The Committee appointed on the 17th December last, on the Petition of Lydia Leslie, Widow of the late Bro^r. Robert Leslie, late member of Lodge N^o. 52, Reported, that they had attended to that Duty and finding her situation such as required immediate relief they had granted her the Sum of \$50.

The Communication from Lodge N^o. 3, held in this City, enclosing a Printed List of Members of Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburgh, read on the 25th June last, was again read. It appeared by said List of Members of Lodge N^o. 21, that Bro^r. Vincent Ducomb, a Member of said Lodge N^o. 3, is returned as an Honorary Member of said Lodge N^o. 21.

Whereupon, Resolved, That a Mason cannot be a Member of any more than One Lodge at the same Time.

The Petition of the Widow Mary Gatier, praying for Assistance was read. On Consideration, Bro^m. Rayner, Phillips and Huckel were appointed a Committee to enquire into her situation and if they will see proper, relieve her with a sum not exceeding \$15.

The Warrant of Lodge N^o. 104, having been prepared by the Grand Secretary was Signed by the Grand Officers in Open Grand Lodge, and Bro^r. Ramsey, the Master in the said Warrant named, being present, was installed and recognized as Master of said Lodge N^o. 104.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th March, A. D. 1805.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ William Ball, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

- Bro^r. Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. Grand Master.
 “ Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ William Nelson, R. W. Jun^r. Grand Warden, P. T.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
 “ Joseph Blame, Sen^r. Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
 “ Thomas Rayner, Jun^r. Grand Deacon.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 75, 77, 87 and 100 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication of 21st January were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 31st December and 25th February, were read and Approved. It appeared by the said Minutes that said Committee had granted the following Sums, Viz :

To Catharine Sisson, Widow of Cap ^t Preserved Sisson,	\$30.
“ Catharine Kuhn, Widow of the late Bro ^r . Michael Kuhn, late Member of Lodge N ^o . 52,	10.
“ Eliza H. Stockton, Widow of Obadiah Stockton, dec ^d . formerly a Member of Lodge N ^o . 19,	10.
Total	\$50.

The Petition of Eliza H. Stockton, Widow of Obadiah Stockton, deceased, stating the distresses of herself and her Two Children and requesting Assistance, was read. On Consideration, the Sum of \$20 was granted for her Use and Bro^r. Blame, Sharpe and Rayner were appointed a Committee to present her therewith.

The Petition of Richard Mathers was read. It stated that he had been expelled by Lodge N^o. 64, held at Greensburg without a fair hearing, and prays that a Committee might be appointed to examine into the facts and Circumstances and report thereon. Whereupon, Bro^r. Pullen, Cave, Sharpe,

William Wray and Huckel were appointed a Committee to enquire concerning the premises and Report.

The Petition of A—— K—— was read. It stated that he had been expelled by Lodge N^o. 72, without having been furnished with a Copy of the Charges laid against him and that he had been prevented from bringing Evidence to clear himself and prayed that a Committee might be appointed to enquire, so that Justice might be done him. Whereupon, Bro^m. Pullen, Cave, Sharpe, William Wray and Huckell were appointed a Committee to make enquire and Report.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had lately been at the Town of Washington, in Washington County in this State, that Lodge N^o. 54, held at that place had been disunited and had not had any meeting for about 4 years past, that he had directed the Lodge to be convened and that they had again commenced their Labours with great Zeal and promised fair to become a very flourishing Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 5th September last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of 12th November last, was read, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns of Lodges were then received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o. 12, held at Winchester, Virginia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Peter Lauck, W. M.; Bro^r. William Silver, S. W.; Bro^r. Conrad Kreemer, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel W. Thomas, Secretary ; Bro^r. Richard Bowen, Treasurer. Return of Members to same period, returning 43 standing Members, and the rejection of B—— M——, a Candidate. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to S^t John's Day, June, 1804, being \$39.90.

Lodge N^o. 50, held at the White Horse, Chester County. Communication of the restoration of William Davis, Esq^r. who was returned on S^t John's Day last as Expelled for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return of De-

ember last, returning Bro^r. Isaac Bowman, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Charles Miner, S. W.; Bro^r. William C. Terrel, J. W.; Bro^r. Cap^t. Samuel Bowman, Secretary; Bro^r. Jesse Fell, Treasurer. And Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which were referred to the Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 67, held in Philadelphia. Return of Members to December last, being 33 standing Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 69, held at Chester. Return of Members to December last, returning 19 standing Members and returning the Expulsions of G—— M^eN——, W—— R—— for Misconduct. S—— L——, L—— C——, J—— M. W——, R—— S—— for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Edward George, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Badaraque, S. W.; Bro^r. Lewis Houard, J. W.; Bro^r. Augustus Belin, Secretary; Bro^r. J. Gaschet de L'isle, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 91, held in Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John Sweeny, W. M.; Bro^r. Abraham Cohen, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel L. Jones, J. W.; Bro^r. Peter A. Browne, Secretary; Bro^r. William Gethen, Treasurer.

The Committee appointed on the 21st January last, on the Petition of Mary Gatier, Reported, that they had found her in Distress and had granted her the Sum of Ten Dollars.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday 8th June, A. D. 1805.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

- Bro^r. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 “ Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. Grand Treasurer.
 “ Robert Lewis, Senior Grand Deacon.
 “ Thomas Rayner, Junior Grand Deacon.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 19, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 87 and 91 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 22nd April, were read and Approved.

The Petition of Bro^r. John Smith, Member of L^o N^o. 72, held in this City, praying for Assistance, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Bro^r. James M^cCay, late a Member of Lodge N^o. 11, held in London Grove Township, Chester County, craving Assistance, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown, praying for permission to form a procession on S^t. John's Day next and inviting the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge to honour them with their presence was read. On Motion, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

The Petition of Mary Mason, Widow of a deceased Brother, praying for Assistance was read. Whereupon, Resolved, that the sum of Twenty Dollars be placed in the hands of Bro^r. Pullen, Blame and Rayner to be applied to her Use, if upon enquirey they shall find her deserving.

A Petition was read praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at the House of David Smith, in Bloom Township, Northumberland County, and that James Peterman might be

named Master; and William Park and Andrew Schooley, Wardens of the same. Which Petition, not being recommended agreeably to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, Ordered, that the same lie on the Table.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Denmark, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of 27th December last was read, and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of 10th March last was read, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, of 16th May last was read, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of 30th April last was read, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of the 19th March last was read, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Two Communications from Lodge N^o. 19, held in the City of Philadelphia were read, they informed of the rejection of J—— P—— and J—— B——. Also Account of Grand Lodge Dues of Lodge N^o. 19 up to 27th December last.

Lodge N^o. 21, Harrisburgh, Pa. Return of Members of said Lodge up to Decem^r. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to the same Time.

A Petition was read from a certain A—— C——, stating that he had been regularly entered, passed and raised in Holland, from whence he had come to America in 1786. That he had applied to Lodge N^o. 21, to be admitted as a Visitor, but was refused. That he afterwards, Petitioned said Lodge to be Initiated therein, (to wit in Autumn 1803,) and was rejected. And therefore prayed the Grand Lodge for relief in the premises.

A Letter, (dated 18th May, 1805,) from the Officers of Lodge

N^o. 21, was thereupon read. It stated that it had been intimated to them that said A— C— intended to Address the Grand Lodge on the subject of his rejection. They therefore Communicate that the said C— would be no Honour to Masonry, that he is a bad Neighbour and Quarrelsome Man, that the proceedings on his Petition had been regular and that upon being ballotted for he had been blackballed. Whereupon, Bro^m. Pullen, Poalk, Lewis, Rayner and Griffith were appointed a Committee to enquire into the premisses and report thereon.

A Petition was read from Lodge N^o. 54, held at the Town of Washington, Washington County, stating that from a variety of Causes they had been unable to continue to work, and their meetings and Operations had been suspended. That by and with the Authority of the R. W. Grand Master they had resumed their Labours and were now Assembled as a regular Lodge. That owing in part to the poverty of the Brethren of N^o. 54, and in part to the many Charities bestowed, it is not in their power to discharge their former dues to the Grand Lodge and therefore request an exoneration of the same. Whereupon, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

The following Returns were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o. 59, held in Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Philip Boyle, M^r.; Bro^r. Michael M^cConomy, S. W.; Bro^r. William Smyth, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sweeney, Secretary ; Bro^r. John Ward, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 68, held in the Town of Mifflin. Election Return of June, 1803, returning Bro^r. William Laird, M^r.; Bro^r. Jeremiah Lindsay, S. W.; Bro^r. William Gallaher, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sterrett, Secretary ; Bro^r. Roswell Doty, Treasurer. Return of Members to June, 1803, and returning the Expulsion of R— C— for Non Payment of Dues. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to the same Time.

Lodge N^o. 79, held at Chambersburg. Election Return of December, 1804, returning Bro^r. Owen Aston, M^r.; Bro^r. Simon Hailman, S. W.; Bro^r. James Brotherton, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Walmsley, Secretary ; Bro^r. John Shryock, Treas-

urer. Return of Members to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 94, held at New Hope, Coryell's Ferry. Return of Members to March last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

A Communication from Lodge N^o. 67, was read. It informed that the Lodge had taken the Case of Hugh Lindsey, (who was rejected the 22nd June, 1804, and communicated in the last Grand Annual Communication,) into Consideration and found that they had been wrongly informed respecting his Character which he had since proved to the satisfaction of the Lodge and That he had since been unanimously elected a Member by the said Lodge.

Two Communications were read from Lodge N^o. 72, informing of the Expulsions of A—— K——, Baker, and J—— S—— of the Northern Liberties.

A Letter from Bro^r. William Patten, M^r. of Lodge N^o. 101, held at Palmstow, dated 24th April last was read. It informed that for want of a Seal, (which was not then finished,) they had omitted making their Returns, but that they expected their Seal shortly when their Returns, &c., should be made out and transmitted.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that in discharge of the Duty enjoined on him by the 22nd Article of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, he had transmitted a Copy of the said Article together with a Circular Letter, whereof the following is a Copy, to the undermentioned delinquent Lodges, Viz :

“ Article XXII.

“ of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

“ Any Lodge in Arrears with this Grand Lodge for Two Years Dues, shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, “ and if their Dues are not discharged within Six Months from “ the Date of such Notice, the Warrant of such Lodge shall be “ considered as suspended, and unless satisfactory reasons for “ such neglect are adduced to the Grand Lodge at the next “ Quarterly Communication, the Warrant of such Lodge shall “ be Vacated.”

“PHILADELPHIA, 14th May, 1805.

“Worshipful Sir and Brother,

“Agreeably to the 22nd Article of the Regulations of the
 “Grand Lodge, (whereof the foregoing is a Copy,) you are
 “hereby Notified that Your Lodge is in Arrears with the
 “Grand Lodge for more than Two Year’s Dues, and that if
 “the same are not paid within Six Months from the Date
 “hereof, the Warrant of Your Lodge will be considered as sus-
 “pended, and unless satisfactory Reasons for such Neglect
 “shall be adduced to the Grand Lodge, at their Quarterly
 “Communication, in December next, Your Warrant will then
 “be Vacated.

“I am

“Worshipful Sir and Brother,

“Your Faithful Brother,

(Sign’d)

“GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.”

(Addressed to)

“The R. W. Master of Lodge N^o.

14 held at Wilmington.

22 held at Sunbury.

31 held at Norristown.

41 held at Portsmouth, Virginia.

43 held at Lancaster.

46 held at Ephrata, Lancaster County.

47 held at Port au Prince.

48 held at Bedford.

52 held at Philadelphia.

55 held in the Town of Huntingdon.

57 held at New Town, Bucks County.

59 held at Philadelphia.

60 held at Browns Ville, Fayette County.

61 held at Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.

62 held at Reading.

63 held at Lewis Town, Delaware State.

65 held at the Great Bend of Susquehannah, Luzerne
 County.

66 held in Robinson Township, Berks County.

73 held at Philadelphia.

74 held in the town of Concord, Franklin County.

76 held in the Town of New Ville, Cumberland C^o.

77 held at Port D'Espagne, in the Island of Trinidad.

78 held at the Old Mingo Towns, in the North Western Territory.

82 held in the Town of Milford, Wayne County.

87 held at the Cape in the Island of S^t Domingo.

88 held at S^t Marc, in the Island of S^t Domingo.

89 held at Aux Cayes du fond de L'Isle a' Vaches in the Island of S^t Domingo.

92 held at Union Town, Fayette County.

94 held at New Hope, Coryell's Ferry, Bucks County.

95 held at Luse a'Veau in the Island of S^t Domingo,
in all Thirty delinquent Lodges.

Election Return of Lodge N^o. 100, held at Cattawessy, of December last was read, returning Bro^r. Christian Brobst, M^r.; Bro^r. John Clark, S. W.; Bro^r. Philip Moyer, J. W.; Bro^r. William Park, Secretary; Bro^r. Isaiah Willits, Treasurer. Copy of Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 100, were presented and refer'd to the Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

The Committee on the Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 61, which was read and is in the words following, Viz:

“The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to examine
“the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 61,

“Respectfully Report,

“That they have attended to said Duty and have found
“some Articles that require some Alterations. In the First
“Article, the introduction of the word “Officers.” In the
“Second Article respecting the Election of Officers the words
“interlin'd in the Seventh Line to be added, and the re-
“mainder of the Article to be struck out. In the Ninth
“Article we recommend the whole to be stricken out, and the
“annexed to be substituted.

“June 3^d, 1805.

(Sign'd)

“FRED^k. WOLBERT,

“ROB^r. PULLEN,

“ROBERT POALK.”

Which Report was ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of R—— M—— respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 64, made Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to enquire into the Petition of R—— M—— of Lodge N^o. 64, held in Greensburgh,

“Respectfully beg leave to Report.

“That no Documents have come before them to shew, that the said R—— M—— was Expelled, they therefore recommend, that the business lay over until the returns of Lodge N^o. 64 be received.

(Sign'd)

“ROB^t. PULLEN.

“WILLIAM WRAY.

“LODEWYCK SHARPE.

“W^m. HUCKEL.”

Which Report was Adopted.

A Petition from the said Richard Mathers was thereupon read and is in the words following, Viz :

“To the R. W. Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Petition of Richard Mathers, Respectfully Sheweth,

“That your Petitioner did, on the last Grand Communication, lay before you a Petition complaining of the proceeding of Lodge N^o. 64, against your Petitioner, since that Time your Petitioner has received a Letter from Robert Williams, formerly Master of said Lodge, stating “that the Meetings of the Lodge N^o. 64, was stopped, that the Books of proceedings with the Warrant was Lock'd up in a Chest, and would remain there until such Time as some New Members could be procured, to assist in opening again the said Lodge.”

“Your Petitioner begs leave to state, that by the situation of the above Lodge N^o. 64, it does not appear that he will be able to procure redress in the regular way, as the Lodge does not exist at this Time, that your Petitioner is very anxious for a decision, as trusting he would, (on a fair hearing,) be restored to his former standing, he respectfully requests, that

“your R. W. Body, would take such steps, as may bring about
 “a final issue of the business, in the mean Time he prays he
 “may not be totally deprived of the benefits of Associating
 “with the Brethren of our Ancient Institution.

“June 2nd, 1805. (Sign'd) RICHARD MATHERS.”

On Consideration, the said Petition was referr'd to Bro^r. Pullen, Cave, Sharpe, W^m. Wray and Huckell to examine and Report thereon.

The Committee appointed on the 4th March last, on the Petition of A—— K—— respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 72 made Report, which was read and is in the words following, Viz :

“The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to enquire
 “into the Expulsion of A—— K——, by Lodge N^o. 72, Re-
 “spectfully beg leave to Report,

“That they have diligently examined the proceedings of
 “Lodge N^o. 72, and the conduct of said A—— K——, and
 “are fully of Opinion that he was justly expell'd the said
 “Lodge.

“May 16th, 1805. (Sign'd)

“ROB^r. PULLEN.

“WILLIAM WRAY.

“LODEWYCK SHARPE.

“W^m. HUCKEL.”

Which Report was accepted.

The Committee appointed on the 21st January last, on the Petition of S—— T—— respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 75, made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to enquire
 “into the proceedings of Lodge N^o. 75, against S—— T——,
 “Beg leave to Report,

“That they have strictly examined the Documents trans-
 “mitted by Lodge N^o. 75, together with the Charges laid
 “against said S—— T——, and after mature deliberation are
 “of Opinion, that S—— T——'s Conduct has been very un-
 “becoming a Mason, and that they believe he has been justly
 “Expell'd. The final decision of which Your Committee

“Respectfully submit to the Consideration of the R. W. Grand
“Lodge.

“June 3^d. 1805. (Sign’d)

“ROB^t. PULLEN.

“ROBERT POALK.

“ROBERT LEWIS.”

Which Report was Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously,
That Meetings of Lodges on a Sunday should be dispensed
with altogether.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o’clock, P. M. to
St. John’s Day next at 8 o’clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

St. JOHN’S DAY, Philadelphia, Monday, 24th June A. D. 1805.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communi-
cation.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Joseph Blame, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. Grand Treasurer.

“ Thomas Tompkins, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Thomas Shoemaker, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73 and 93 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was
opened in Ample Form.

The Returns from the Lodges being called for, the following
Returns were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o. 2, held in Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
ing Bro^r. Josper Carter, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Stephen Clayton, S.
W.; Bro^r. John O’Brien, J. W.; Bro^r. John Phillips, Secre-
tary ; Bro^r. Robert Pullen, Treasurer.

- Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Thomas Passmore, M^r; Bro^r Robert Desilver, S. W.; Bro^r Gabriel Trulender, J. W.; Bro^r Ezekiel Howell, Secretary; Bro^r John Hoover, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r William Huckell, M^r; Bro^r William Wray, S. W.; Bro^r Samuel Miskelly, J. W.; Bro^r James Wilkins, Secretary; Bro^r Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 45, held at Pittsburg. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Henry Baldwin, M^r; Bro^r Tarleton Bates, S. W.; Bro^r Thomas Baird, J. W.; Bro^r Henry H. Haslet, Secretary; Bro^r Andrew Richardson, Treasurer. Return of Members to December last, returning the Expulsions of W—— W. C—— and A—— S——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.
- Lodge N^o 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Thomas Armstrong, M^r; Bro^r Joseph M^cMullen, S. W.; Bro^r Matthew Weaver, J. W.; Bro^r Savage Stilwell, Secretary; Bro^r Thomas Amies, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 69, held at Chester. Election Return, returning Bro^r William Anderson, M^r; Bro^r John Wood, S. W.; Bro^r George Beale, J. W.; Bro^r Jo^a Engle, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r William Adams, M^r; Bro^r Peter Bob, S. W.; Bro^r Samuel Ellis, J. W.; Bro^r John Ellis, Secretary.
- Lodge N^o 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Francis Shallus, M^r; Bro^r Adam Hammer, S. W.; Bro^r William L. Sonntag, J. W.; Bro^r David Niess, jun^r, Secretary; Bro^r George Willig, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o 73, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members to this Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.
- Lodge N^o 96, held at New Ark, Delaware State. Election Return, returning Bro^r John Armstrong, M^r; Bro^r James Snow, S. W.; Bro^r William Moor, J. W.; Bro^r John Macbeth, Secretary; Bro^r John Fisher, Treasurer. Return of Members, and returning the rejection of J—— M^cD——, M—— C——, H—— G, D—— O——, J—— A——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to this Time.

A Petition from divers Brethren, Inhabitants of Zanesville and its vicinity in Muskingum County, Ohio, was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Zanesville aforesaid, to be called "The Lodge of Amity" and that Bro^r. Lewis Cass might be named Master; Bro^r. William Smyth, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Seth Fuller, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge.

On Motion, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 105.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd September, A. L. 5805.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

" Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Joseph Carter, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.

" Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" William Adams, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Thomas Shoemaker, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 71, 72, 81, 91, 100 and 102 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

A Petition was received and read from Mary Kelly, Wife of Bro^r. Hugh Kelly praying for relief, and the same was referred to the Committee of Charity.

Two Accounts of Expences attending the funeral of Bro^r.

John Service, were presented and read, Amounting to \$16. Whereupon, it was Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer discharge the same.

A Letter was presented and read from Peter Arell Browne, a Member of Columbia Lodge N^o 91, inclosing an Order in favour of this Grand Lodge for \$150, as a Donation from him to be applyed to Charitable purposes, Whereupon, it was Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Brother Browne for the same.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Bro^r Richard Mathers a Member of Lodge N^o 64, Greensburgh, was presented and read and it was Resolved, that the said Br^r Richard Mathers be permitted to Visit Lodges as usual until the further Orders of this Grand Lodge are made known. A bill of Expences of said Committee Amounting to \$2 $\frac{2}{3}$ was likewise read and Ordered, to be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

Election Returns of Lodge N^o 102, held at the Fox Chase were presented and read. Also, their Account of Dues Amounting to \$16.90 to the 22nd Nov^r. 1804, and also a Return of 17 standing Members.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, p. m. to the First Monday in November next.

THO^s. HENNESSY, Sec^y. Pro Temp.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th November, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. Grand Treasurer.

“ Robert Lewis, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Thomas Rayer, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 91, 93, 96 and 100 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of June last of St^t John's Day and of the Quarterly Communication of September last were severally read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of their Meetings had since the Quarterly Communication in June last were severally read and Approved. It appeared by the said Minutes that the said Committee had granted the following Sums, Viz :

June 17 th to Bro ^r . John Smith, Member of N ^o . 72. .	\$10.
“ to Bro ^r . John M ^c Cay, “ “ 11. .	10.
“ to Bro ^r . Nowiock's Widow, (late of N ^o . 72). .	10.
“ to Bro ^r . Kuhn's Widow, (late of N ^o . 52) .	10.
Sept ^r . 9 to Bro ^r . Hugh Kelley's Wife . . .	10.
	<hr/> \$50.

The Petition of M^{rs}. Elizabeth H. Stockton, Widow of Obadiah Stockton, deceased, was read. It stated that she and her Two Children were much distressed and craved some Assistance. Whereupon, it was Resolved, that the Sum of Fifteen Dollars be placed in the Hands of Bro^{rs}. Blame and Sharpe for her Use.

Two Communications from the G. L. of England, One of the 27th December, 1804, and the other of 6th March, 1805, were read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the G. L. of Lower Canada, of the 12 June last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of 8th July last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of the 13th May last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and Read,
Viz :

Lodge N^o 5, held at Cantwell's Bridge. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r John Merritt, W. M^r.; Bro^r William Streets, S. W.; Bro^r Arnold S. Naudain, J. W.; Bro^r John Moody, Secretary; Bro^r John V. Hyatt, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 12 Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to December last, Amounting to \$11.59.

Lodge N^o 12, held at Winchester, Virginia. Return of Members up to June last, returning 55 Members, and returning the Expulsion of W—— R——, for Non payment of Dues. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time, Amounting to \$54.27.

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r James Rolph, W. M.; Bro^r John Hailer, S. W.; Bro^r Christian Close, J. W.; Bro^r Abraham Douglass, Secretary; Bro^r William T. Donaldson, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 30.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Philip Boyle, W. M.; Bro^r Atchison Thompson, S. W.; Bro^r George Alcorn, J. W.; Bro^r William Sweeny, Secretary; Bro^r John Ward, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Joseph Cloud, W. M.; Bro^r Michael Wightenberg, S. W.; Bro^r Ezekiel Taylor, J. W.; Bro^r John Kinnan, Secretary; Bro^r John Uhle, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 68, held at Mifflin Town. Election Return, returning Bro^r Isaac Craven, W. M.; Bro^r Jeremiah Lindsey, S. W.; Bro^r James Serrill, J. W.; Bro^r Ezra Doty, Secretary; Bro^r Roswell Doty, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Election Return, returning Bro^r Samuel P. Norton, W. M.; Bro^r Charles Collada, S. W.; Bro^r Samuel Deal, J. W.; Bro^r Thomas Norton, Secretary; Bro^r Nathaniel Waer, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 93, held at New Orleans. Election Return, returning (of June last) Bro^r Louis Fortin, W. M.; Bro^r Dulcide Baran, S. W.; Bro^r Charles Gayarre, J. W.; Bro^r Eugene D'Orsiere, Secretary; Bro^r Francis M. Guerin, Treasurer.

Return of Members, returning 30 Members and the rejection of R—— D——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues, Amounting to \$32.42.

Lodge N^o. 100, held at Catawissa. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Clark, W. M.; Bro^r. Philip Moyer, S. W.; Bro^r. Casper Christman, J. W.; Bro^r. Gabriel Lount, Secretary; Bro^r. Isaiah Willits, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 12 Members and the rejection of J—— C—— and J—— F——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to June last, Amounting to \$16.98.

The Petition of Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster, was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

“To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, &c.
 “The Memorial and Petition of the Master, Wardens and
 “Brethren of Lodge N^o. 43, held in the Borough of Lancaster,
 “in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

“With all due Fidelity

“Most respectfully Sheweth

“That the Brethren of this Lodge are fully sensible of the
 “Necessity of a regular discharge of their Dues to the Grand
 “Lodge, in Aid of the benevolent purposes of the Honourable
 “Institution, and they feel every disposition to a faithful and
 “punctual discharge of their Obligations and nothing but the
 “most pressing reasons could induce them to solicit a dis-
 “charge from them short of their full extent. But this Lodge
 “has been for some Years engaged in the Erection of an
 “elegant building for the accommodation of the Brethren in
 “all Times hereafter; it is now nearly finished. But in the
 “accomplishment of this Arduous undertaking they have had
 “to struggle with many difficulties, to anticipate all their
 “funds, and are still labouring to extinguish their Debts with
 “the greatest care and most laudable Economy. Under these
 “Circumstances they cannot doubt the benevolent and
 “Parental Disposition of the R. W. G. Lodge to dispense with
 “the Account and payment of Arrearages to the Twenty
 “Fourth of June last and to accept of the Sum of Fifty Dol-
 “lars, herewith sent, in lieu and in full thereof. And as a
 “further inducement to the Grand Lodge, as well as in con-

“sideration of the Difficulties under which this Lodge has
 “long laboured and their Zeal and Exertions for the erection
 “of a magnificent Temple for the accommodation of the
 “Brotherhood, which the Grand Lodge cannot but approve,
 “The Brethren of Lodge N^o. 43 faithfully engage at the regu-
 “lar and stated Times at all Times hereafter, to make regular
 “Returns and to discharge their Dues to the Grand Lodge in
 “season and to use their best exertions for the Welfare and
 “Honour of the Craft, and your memorialists, &c.

“By order of the Lodge,
 (Sign’d) “W^m. KIRKPATRICK, Master.”

Whereupon, Resolved, That the said Sum of Fifty Dollars,
 (which Bro^r. Grand Secretary acknowledged to have received
 from Bro^r. Kirkpatrick at Lancaster on the 23^d August last,)
 be Accepted in full of the Grand Lodge Dues of Lodge N^o. 43,
 up to S^t John’s Day in June last.

A Letter from the W. M. of Lodge N^o. 54, held in the Town
 of Washington, Pennsylvania, dated the 12th August last was
 read. It acknowledged the receipt of the last Annual Com-
 munication of this G. L., and communicated that their Lodge
 was becoming highly respectable and useful, both from the
 increase of New Members of worth and Ancient Members for-
 merly Attached to other Lodges, And informed that the Lodge
 had appointed Bro^r. Samuel Israel their Proxy to represent
 them in this G. Lodge.

A Letter from the Secretary of Lodge N^o. 60, held at
 Brownsville, was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“Brownsville Lodge N^o. 60.

“In consequence of a Circular Letter and other Documents,
 “dated the 14th March last, from the R. W. G. L. directed to
 “the W. M. of L. N^o. 60, Brownsville, was in pursuance to
 “Order Officially read in open Lodge the following Lodge
 “Night. I am therefore instructed by him and the Brethren
 “of this Lodge to beg our excuse for not Answering the same
 “sooner and to observe with the greatest regret our present
 “inability and Apprehension of not being able to comply
 “with the demands of the G. L. at the Time requested. We

“look to former indulgence bestowed us by the G. L. in re-
 “mitting dues to them from the Aggregate thereof. We now
 “hope the present demand, if not punctually Answered, will
 “be favourably constructed as arising from Causes unavoid-
 “able, a Brotherly indulgence to those in Arrears for Lodge
 “dues and some late expenditures in providing Our Lodge
 “House with unavoidable repairs. From these Circumstances
 “with due submission to the R. W. G. L. they will favour us
 “with further indulgence and in return pledge our insurance ;
 “no industry will be wanting to hasten the discharging our
 “Arrears. I am, &c.,

(Sign'd)

“JN^o. SHIELDON, Secr^y.”

Whereupon, Resolved, That One Year, from this Time, be allowed to Lodge N^o. 60 for settlement of their G. Lodge Dues.

An Address delivered by the W. M. of the French Lodge, L'Amenite, N^o. 73, held in the City of Philadelphia, to the R. W. G. M. and Gr. Officers at a Grand Visitation to said Lodge in June last was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“Right W. Grand Master and Worshipful Grand Officers
 “of the W. G. L. of Pennsylvania.

“Lodge N^o. 73, having been deprived for a long Time of
 “enjoying the pleasure of Your Grand Visit, counts this Day,
 “as a Day of Happiness, since you have condescended to
 “Honour us with your presence.

“Masons still young in the Royal Art, we have frequently
 “lamented that the multiplicity of your Masonic occupations
 “had prevented you to come oftener amongst us, to spread
 “light, to give instructions and by your Wisdom and
 “Paternal Advices contribute to render our Humble Labours
 “more agreeable to the Sublime Architect of the World.
 “However R. W. G. M. and W. G. O. we have always en-
 “deavoured to practice the lessons which your worthy pre-
 “cepts have imbibed in our Hearts. The Inspecting of our
 “Minutes will convince you, we hope, that our work has been
 “regularly conducted and that we have constantly en-
 “deavoured to deserve the continuation of your esteem and
 “Confidence by acting as true and faithful Masons ; may we

“meet with your approbation and it shall be our dearest re-
“ward.

“Perhaps R. W. G. M. and W. G. O. it will not escape your
“notice, how small is at present the number of our Brethren ;
“truly, it is with concern that we must say that for some
“years past, the sundry Revolutions of the Political World
“have displaced its Inhabitants and removed far from us
“many Members of this Lodge who were called to their
“Native Country by their own Concerns, and I am bold to
“declare it in your presence, that it is only to the persever-
“ance and Zeal of the few remaining here, that this Temple
“owes its existence at this moment. Considering the many
“difficulties that we had to encounter from the Moment of
“the desertion, the Labours encreasing and revolving upon a
“small number, became unequally supported and Conse-
“quently had been more sensibly felt ; our Finances extremely
“reduced by the absence of many parting Brethren became at
“once inadequate to our wants and at what Time were we re-
“duced in such a state of penury ? it was, when every Day,
“were pouring upon this Land of Hospitality our unfortunate
“Countrymen flying from the Dagger of their Murderers ; it
“was, when Men destitute of every Comfort, penniless
“Widows, Orphans in rags, escaped from the Bloody Thirst
“of the Tygers of St^t Domingo, came at the Door of our
“Temple and made a solemn Appeal to the Mercy to the Be-
“nevolence of Masons. Was not such an Affecting, such a
“tearing spectacle, fit to strike to the Heart of the Man of
“feelings ? So we could not be deaf to the Voice of those un-
“fortunate beings, we lended them a succourable Hand, but
“also, although little was our gift, we do not blush to confess
“it, that it went beyond our means, and by a liberality rather
“imprudent, we found ourselves considerably indebted to our
“Treasurer. R. W. G. M. and W. G. Off. this is the only and
“true cause why Lodge N^o. 73 has been backward in fulfill-
“ing its Duties towards the W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania in
“not discharging Timely its Dues. But here we must speak
“with frankness, repenting Children we address to our Merciful
“Fathers. We know Your Hearts too well not to be con-

“vinced that you will take into Consideration the Motives of
“this delay and that you will treat us with indulgence and
“kindness. Meanwhile Conscious of having been led out of
“the path of our Duty, we have taken the means of putting
“our finances in Order and our first occupation has been to
“make out the Account of our Dues, from which it results
“that we are indebted to the W. G. L. of Penns^a for a Sum
“of about \$100; finding ourselves unfortunately at this
“Moment in the impossibility of discharging this sum imme-
“diately, we have thought proper to Petition the R. W. G. L.
“in Order to be in part exonerated, or to beg for a reasonable
“Time to satisfy its claim and we shall submit with resigna-
“tion to what the W. G. L. may be pleased to decide.

“Now W. G. M. and W. G. Off^a permit us to present our
“best Thanks to the Supreme Maker of all Being, to call for
“his Benediction upon you and the Members of the W. G. L.
“of Penns^a and to Congratulate ourselves in a Masonic way
“of the pleasure we feel to possess you all this Evening in
“Lodge N^o 73.”

Whereupon, Resolved, That Lodge N^o 73 be exonerated
from the payment of their Grand Lodge Dues which have ac-
crued up to S^t John's Day in June last.

A Letter from Bro^r George Manypenny, S. W., of Lodge N^o
92, held at Union Town, dated 5th September last, to Bro^r
Baker, Grand Secretary, was read. It stated than an Extra
Lodge had been called to receive the Petitions of Two Appli-
cants and that at their next stated Lodge Night but Eight
Days after receiving the Petitions, they had been Accepted
and were Initiated, that some of the Members were doubtful
as to the propriety of such proceeding and requested Bro^r
Baker to give them information on the subject. Bro^r Baker
stated to the G. L. that he had informed Bro^r Manypenny
that such proceedings were irregular and that he had refer^r'd
him for further information, respecting the receiving of Ap-
plications from Candidates and the Proceedings to be had
thereon, to the parts of Ahiman Rezon respecting the same.

An Address from the Officers of Lodge N^o 100, dated the
17th June last, was read. It stated that they had been in-

formed that Bro^m. William Park and Andrew Schooley had, or were about applying to this G. L. for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at or near the Nob Mountain, (being the Petition presented and read in G. L. on the 3^d June last, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in Bloom Township, Northumberland County, but which by reason of its not being duly recommended, was Ordered to lie on the Table,) to which they entered their Objections. 1st. That the Lodge were but Eleven in Number at that Time, and most of them but New in Masonry, on which Account they had scarcely a sufficient choice at Elections. 2nd. That the Lodge is indebted to Individuals for Money Advanced for the Warrant and Other Articles belonging to the Lodge, and that if Bro^m. Park and Schooley should withdraw, their Numbers would be lessen'd and would perhaps prevent some others from joining them; therefore, hoping that the G. L. would take their objections into due Consideration and not grant a Warrant for holding a Lodge so near as to injure their Lodge, (N^o. 100,) which they think would be for the good of Masonry at this Time.

On Consideration, said Address was Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Report of the Committee on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 61, held at Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County, read on the 3^d June last, and Ordered to lie on the Table was again read. Said Report recommended the inserting the Word *Officers* in the First Article. Upon the Question being taken it was carried in the Affirmative, the Said Article as amended, reads as follows, Viz: "The Officers of Lodge Number Sixty One, held "at Wilkesbarre, shall consist of the present Past Master, the "Senior and Junior Wardens, also a Secretary and Treasurer, "Senior and Junior Deacons and Tyler."

The said Report recommended the striking out the following words in the Second Article, to wit: "they may have a "Second Ballotting, and if the same even number should "again happen, then it shall be determined by Lot, the like "may be done should any mistake happen."

On the Question being taken on striking out the said words it was carried in the Affirmative.

The said Report recommended the adding of the following words to the Second Article in lieu of the words so stricken out, Viz: *the Master shall give the Casting Vote.*

On the Question being taken it was carried in the Affirmative.

The said Second Article, as amended, reads as follows, to wit: "The Master, S. and J. Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer shall continue in their respective Offices untill Thursday before S^t John the Evangelist's Day, every Year, when an Election for Officers will be made in the Lodge by Ballot where the choice shall be determined by the greatest Number; Should any Two so Ballotted for have an equal Number, then the Master shall give the Casting Vote."

The said Report recommended the striking out the whole of the Ninth Article which reads as follows, to Wit: "If any person is desirous to become a Mason, he is to send his request in Writing to a Member of this Lodge, who, if he supposes the Applicant worthy of the benefits will at the first Lodge Night present the same and he shall be Ballotted for unless reasonable Objections are made; An Applicant who may desire to have an Extra Lodge called may obtain it by giving Three Days previous Notice and paying the necessary expences of the Evening, but before this, such a Brother who presents such Application, (If it be the desire of the Applicant,) shall shew him the Constitution and Bye Laws of the Lodge that he may be undeceived by what is required of a Mason."

On the Question being taken on striking out the same it was carried in the Affirmative.

And the said Report recommended the following to be substituted in lieu of the said Ninth Article so stricken out, Viz: *Every person desirous of becoming a Mason is to signify the same in writing which shall be presented at a stated Lodge Night whereupon a Committee of Members shall be appointed whose Duties it shall be to make the Necessary enquiries into the Candidate's Character and report the result of such enquiries at the next stated Meeting when he may be Ballotted for and Admitted.* (Note, for further information see 7th Section Ahiman Rezon, Page 31).

On the Question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Committee appointed on the 3^d June last, on the Petition of A—— C——, respecting his Rejection by Lodge N^o 21, at Harrisburgh, and on the Letter from the Officers of said Lodge respecting the said Rejection made their Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit: “ We “ the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylv- “ ania respecting the rejection of A—— C—— from Lodge “ N^o 21, at Harrisburgh, Beg leave Respectively to Report, “ That after having duly considered and maturely investigated “ the several Letters and Papers on the Subject, are of Opinion “ that the proceedings of said Lodge are perfectly correct and “ Masonic. Philad^a. Novem^r. 2nd, 5805.

(Sign'd)

“ ROBERT PULLEN.

“ ROBERT POALK.

“ THOMAS RAYNER.

“ ROBERT LEWIS,

“ CADWALLADER GRIFFITH.

Which Report was Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Bro^m. Poalk and Cave were appointed a Committee to enquire and Report to this G. L. the reason why Doct^r. Stewart some time since refused to receive an Object recommended to the Philadelphia Dispensary by Bro^r. Ebenezer Ferguson who was at that Time One of the recommenders appointed by this G. L. for that purpose.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Building Committee be Authorized to enquire whether the Lot, lying adjoining to the Lot “ whereon the Hall of this G. L. is erected, on the South, and which is offered for sale, can be purchased at a reasonable price and that the said Committee be Authorized to Contract for the purchase of the same for the Use of this Grand Lodge.

Bro^r. Ebenezer Ferguson having some Time since withdrawn from Lodge N^o 19, whereof he was a Member, and Bro^r. Robert Jackson having lately withdrawn from Lodge N^o 59, of which Lodge he had been a Member, their places in the Building Committee of course have become Vacant. Therefore,

On Motion made and Seconded, The following Brethren were appointed to fill the said Vacancies, to wit :

Bro^r. James Rolph, of N^o. 19, in the room of Bro^r. Ferguson, and

Bro^r. John P. Hood, of N^o. 59, in the room of Bro^r. Jackson.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2^d December, A. D. 1805.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Grand Treasurer.

“ Robert Lewis, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Thomas Rayner, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 81, 91, 93 and 100 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

Resolved, that no Visitors be Admitted this Evening.

The Minutes of the 4th Ultimo were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 18th Ultimo, were read and Approved.

Bro^r. Samuel Israel presented his Commission from Lodge N^o. 54, held at the Town of Washington, Pennsylvania, appointing him their Proxy, which was read and Bro^r. Israel was thereupon recognized as Proxy of the said Lodge.

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting on the Petition of M^{rs}. Stockton, reported, that they had found her in distress and had therefore presented her the Sum of Fifteen Dollars which had been granted for her Use.

The R. W. Grand Master Informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of this Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Officers for the ensuing Year. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The following Brethren were thereupon duly elected in Ancient form, to wit :

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master, (re-elected).

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, (re-elected).

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary, (re-elected).

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer, (re-elected).

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 11 o'clock, P. M. to the Second Wednesday in the present Month at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 11th December, A. D. 1805.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adj^d. Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ROBERT PULLEN, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, G. M.,
P. T.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Thomas Town, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Lodewyck Sharpe, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Jasper Carter, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 41, 47, 52, 59, 65, 70, 71, 72, 77, 87 and 91 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ancient Form.

The Minutes of the 2nd Instant were read.

The Petition of S—— H—— was read. It requested that his Certificate from Lodge N^o. 19, which was directed to be retained by the Grand Secretary when he was Expelled the Society of Masons by this Grand Lodge, might be returned to him. Which said Petition was rejected.

The Petition of Richard Mathers was read. It stated that he had some time since, been Expell'd by Lodge N^o. 64, held in Greensburgh, which he had considered unjust and that he had therefore Petitioned this G. Lodge whereupon a Committee had been appointed who had Reported thereon and in consequence of which Report this G. Lodge had been pleased to Order. "That he should enjoy the Privilege of Visiting Lodges, until the further Order of the Grand Lodge." That with submission to the Wisdom of the G. Lodge, He begged leave to mention that if their future Order on the business depended on a Communication or regular Return from Lodge N^o. 64, He was fearful it might be a great length of Time, as they had not met for many Months, nor was it likely they might meet soon. That as it was uncertain where Providence might cast his Lot of future residence, and as he contemplated to remove back in the Country, his Anxiety was great to have a final decision on the business. Therefore praying this G. L. to take such measures as in their Wisdom might seem Necessary to bring about a full hearing and final determination of the Affair.

Said Petition was Ordered, to lie over for Consideration.

A Communication from the G. L. of England, of 5th June last, was read and referred to the Committee of Corresp. to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the G. Lodge of Kentucky, of 17th September last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from Lodge N^o. 3, of 19th Ultimo, was

read. It informed of the Expulsion of R—— B—— for Six Months.

Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburgh. Election Return of June last was read, returning Bro^r. Jacob Wain, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Richard Rees, S. W.; Bro^r. Godfrey. Fritchey, J. W.; Bro^r. George M. Wagoner, Secretary; Bro^r. James Brooks, Treasurer. A Letter from Lodge N^o. 21, dated 3rd August last, (and received by the Grand Secretary on the 19th November last,) respecting A—— C——, who Petitioned this G. Lodge on the subject of his Rejection by Lodge N^o. 21, was read. The Committee appointed on the said Petition of the said A—— C——, Reported against the Petitioner on the 4th November last, and the Report was Adopted and therefore no further proceedings necessary in the Case.

Lodge N^o. 50, held at the White Horse, Chester County. Return of Members to Decem^r. 1805, read returning 20 Members.

Lodge N^o. 66, held in Robinson Township, Berks County. Election Return of December Instant, returning Bro^r. Matthias Kaler, Esq^r. Worshipful Master; Bro^r. Abner Lewis, S. W.; Bro^r. James Kinkead, J. W.; Bro^r. Rees Moore, Esq^r. Secretary; Bro^r. John Jones, Treasurer. Return of Members, being 19 in Number.

Lodge N^o. 75, held at Pugh Town, Chester County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Thomas Evans, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Joseph Osborne, S. W.; Bro^r. Bernard Vanleer, J. W.; Bro^r. William Mendenhall, Secretary; Bro^r. George Strickland, Treasurer. Election Return of December, 1804, returning Bro^r. George Strickland, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Lewis Evans, S. W.; Bro^r. Caleb Jones, J. W.; Bro^r. Bartholomew Carrell, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Church, Treasurer. Return of Members up to June last, being 22. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to June last.

Lodge N^o. 77, held at Port D'Espagne in the Island of Trinidad. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Joseph S. Maingot, W. M.; Bro^r. N^a. Piche, S. W.; Bro^r. V^t. Sanda, J. W.; Bro^r. F^a. Bernard, Secretary; Bro^r. Marc Franceschy, Treasurer. Return of Members up to June last, returning

28 Members. A Communication from said Lodge, in French, presented with said Returns, and the Sum of \$36 was paid in G. Lodge by Bro^r. Duplessis to Bro^r. Baker on Account of their G. Lodge Dues.

A Communication in French from said Lodge respecting C—— H——, accompanied by Three Documents, N^o. 1, 2, and 3 in English, which were read and are in the words following, to wit:

Document N^o. 1.

“Charge against C—— H——.

“Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Union Lodge, N^o. 690.

“The Lodge United Brethren, N^o. 77 has thought fit and necessary to convoke you on this occasion in order to deliberate conjointly on the Subject of a Mason, who forgetful of his Duty has repeatedly and in the presence of several of our worthy Brethren, and many persons who were not Masons, held Languages highly Improper and injurious to the Royal Craft and in particular against the Honour and reputation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, our Mother Lodge.

“The unworthy Brother I mean is C—— H——, who was first made in a Military Lodge, initiated Faithful Brethren and afterwards Initiated in our Lodge from which he withdrew about Two Years ago.

“The Charges are as follows:

“1st. Having some time in February last boasted in presence of our Act^s. Sec^y. that he (H——) had divulged the Secrets of Masons and had imparted them as well as the pass Word, Sign and Grip of all the Degrees to a Man of the Name of Montrich and for the Consideration of Six Bottles of Porter, and further proposed the said Brother to instruct him Gratis in every Degree above that of an Entered Apprentice which P. Brother Secretary then had. And further declared that nothing but mere curiosity had induced him to be made a Mason, and that having found it to be a foolish and ridiculous Society he did not choose to continue it.

“2^d. Having declared the same things to Bro^r. Aleazer, Mem-

“ber of Our Lodge, to whom he said that in America none
 “but what were low and mean were made Masons, and that
 “his own Dog might have been admitted into Masonry had
 “he had a mind to part with a little Money.

“3^{ly}. Having publicly declared on the 16th Sept^r. in the pres-
 “ence of Brother Piche, S. W., Brother Huit a Member of our
 “Lodge and several persons who were not Masons, that all the
 “Lodges and in particular the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,
 “were composed of the Worthless Rabble, that every Honest
 “Man would think himself dishonoured to be seen in com-
 “pany of any of them.

“4^{ly}. Having revealed the Secret Word, Sign and Grip of an
 “entered Apprentice to a Young Man named M^r. La Chapelle,
 “to whom he proposed to reveal those of Fellow Craft, if he
 “would make a present of Two Dollars to his Slave.

“5^{ly}. Having held Conversations the most disrespectful, tend-
 “ing to destroy the good reputation and Opinion of the Craft
 “and lastly to have positively declared that he was determined
 “and had sworn to be the greatest Enemy of Masonry, that he
 “would persecute it and that he found the greatest satisfaction
 “in making public its Secrets, in despising and vilifying it
 “throughout the Universe and at all Times.

“The Brethren of the Two Lodges are therefore requested
 “to decide upon the means of checking and preventing the
 “bad effects that naturally will arise from such extraordinary
 “Conduct, against our Noble and Ancient Order.

“I do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of
 “the Charges against C—— H——.

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 : L. S. :
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(Sign'd)

“JOSEPH S. MAINGOT,

“W. M. of Lodge N^o. 77.

“Attested :

“F. Bernard, Secretary.”

Document N^o. 2.

“United Brethren Lodge, N^o. 77, held at Port of Spain on
 “the 18th Day of September, A. M. 5805.

“The Minutes of the last Meeting being read and approved.

“The Lodge was opened by S. Maingot, W. M. assisted by
 “Piche, S. W. and Sorsano, J. W., pro tempore.

“The Master and Members having been informed that
 “C—— H——, a former Member of this Lodge had produced
 “himself in disrespectful and injurious Terms towards the
 “fraternity at large, in the presence of several Brethren and
 “many others who were not Masons, and had likewise divulged
 “the Secrets of Masons, upon Motion made which was Seconded
 “and Thirded, Unanimously Resolved, That a formal invita-
 “tion should be sent to the Master of the Union Lodge, N^o.
 “690, in Order that the Brother would be pleased to Summons
 “all the Members of his Lodge who were Master Masons, to at-
 “tend a special Meeting on Friday next, the 20th Inst^h at 5
 “o’clock in the Evening in Ample form, to decide what the
 “Brethren might seem meet. All business being over the
 “Lodge was closed.

“J. W. Master of Lodge N^o. 77 do hereby Certify that the
 “foregoing is a true extract of the Minutes.

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 : L. S. :
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(Sign’d)

“JOSEPH S. MAINGOT,
 “W. M. of Lodge N^o. 77.

“Attested :
 “F. Bernard, Secretary.”

Document N^o. 3.

“United Brethren Lodge, N^o. 77, held at Port of Spain on
 “the 20th Day of September, A. M. 5805.

“The Minutes of the last Meeting being read and Approved.

“The Lodge was Opened by the W. M., S. Maingot, as-
 “sisted by N. Piche, Sen^r. W. and Sorsano, J. W., pro tempore,
 “after which the Union Lodge N^o. 690, and several Visitors
 “were announced at the Door agreeable to our Invitation and
 “were admitted in the usual manner.

“The Charges against C—— H——, formerly a Member of
 “this Lodge were read by the W. M., both in French and
 “English, for the intelligence of the Lodge N^o. 690. The W.
 “M. observed that the Charges against said H—— in Febru-
 “ary last are, for having divulged the Secrets of the First De-
 “gree of Masonry to a Man who was not a Mason and for
 “having produced himself in disrespectful and injurious
 “Terms towards the Lodges of Pennsylvania, &c., &c., and

“said Charges have been proved by Two worthy Members of this Lodge he was found Guilty. On the 16th Ins^t the said H—— has repeated his blasphemies against the Craft. Firstly, he said in presence of the Senior Warden and Brother Huet of this Lodge, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and all the Lodges of its dependance were composed of these worthless rabble. 2^{ly} he has again forswear himself in communicating the Words, Signs and Grips of an Entered Apprentice to another person that was not a Mason and offered to shew him the other Degrees if he would pay Two Dollars to his Slave. 3^{ly} he publicly said in presence of several persons that were not Masons and of the above mentioned Brethren, that he had declared himself to be the greatest Enemy of Masonry, he would always do himself a pleasure to divulge and despise it, &c., &c.

“The W. Master after having submitted the proofs of the Charges against a Mason, who has committed the greatest Crime towards the Royal Craft of such a Nature that perhaps never happened before, the matter was in deliberation, and the Members of both Lodges, also the Visitors, have unanimously declared that the heretofore Brother H—— was guilty of Perjury.

“The W. M. requested the Brethren to give their Opinions on the means that should be taken to stop the bad effects that might arise from the extraordinary conduct of said H——. The W. M. of the Lodge N^o 690 was of Opinion that the Grand Lodges should be informed of the Crime Committed by the party accused, as well as His Excellency Governor Hislop, as a Mason. The P. M. of said Lodge was of Opinion that the Name of C—— H—— shall be erased in the Lodges of this Island and all the Lodges that are on the Globe shall be informed of his Perjury. The Secretary of said Lodge was of Opinion that the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Pennsylvania and the Provincial Lodge of Barbadoes should be informed of the Crime committed towards the Craft. The Majority of the Brethren of the Lodge N^o 690, has Seconded the above Motions.

“The Junior W., Pro tempore, of the Lodge N^o 77, requested

“that it should be proposed to the Brethren if they think
 “requisite, that C—— H—— should be Summoned to appear
 “in this Lodge; the Motion having been proposed after hav-
 “ing been Seconded by the P. M. of N^o. 77, the great Majority
 “of both Lodges and Visitors were of Opinion that C——
 “H—— being no more a particular Member of this Lodge
 “since Two Years past, and having in his power a Mason Cer-
 “tificate, that he might refuse to appear and cause a new
 “Offence, that prudence as well as the preservation of the
 “Secrets of the Craft, require that the business should be
 “treated in silence; that the public report to several Brethren
 “and the declarations of Four worthy Members who were
 “present when he preferred those words are sufficient proofs
 “against him. And it was Unanimously resolved, that the
 “Union Lodge, N^o. 690, would acquaint the Grand Lodges of
 “Ireland and Barbadoes of the Crime committed by C——
 “H—— towards the Royal Craft, and the Lodge N^o. 77 would
 “inform the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, that both Lodges
 “would request their Mothers Grand Lodges to inform all the
 “Lodges within their Correspondence of the Case And that
 “Two Members of each Lodge N^o. 690 and N^o. 77, would be
 “sent in Deputation to His Excellency the Governor, as a
 “Mason, to inform him of the business and what was resolved.

“It was further Resolved, that a Copy of these Presents
 “would be transmitted in due form to the Lodge N^o. 690.

“All business being over the Lodge was closed and the
 “Brethren have Signed.

(“ here follow the Signatures.)

“I Worshipful Master of the United Brethren Lodge, N^o. 77,
 “do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and correct ex-
 “tract of the Minutes.

“In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and
 “caused the Seal of said Lodge to be affixed in Port of Spain,
 “the 21st Day of Sept^r. A. M. 5805.

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(Sign'd)

“ JOSEPH S. MAINGOT,

“ W. M. of Lodge N^o. 77.”

“ Attested :

“ F. Bernard, Secretary.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That C—— H——, formerly a Member of Lodge N^o 77, at Port D'Espagne in the Island of Trinidad, has by his unmasonic Conduct forfeited all the Benefits of Masonry and shall be Reported as unworthy thereof to all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and to the Grand Lodges of the Correspondence.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, that the Committee of Correspondence be directed to write a Letter to the W. Master of Lodge Les Freres Reunis, N^o 77, at Port D'Espagne in the Island of Trinidad, expressive of the Thanks of the Grand Lodge for the attention of the said Lodge in the Case of C—— H——, formerly One of their Members, the regularity and Wisdom of their proceedings concerning the same and the information given so early in a Case where the Honor of the Grand Lodge and of Masonry in general is so unwarrantably attacked.

Lodge N^o 84, held at Somerset. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. John Campbell, W. M.; Bro^r. John M^c. Feely, S. W.; Bro^r. William Campbell, J. W.; Bro^r. Otho Shrader, Secretary; Bro^r. James Clark, Treasurer. Return of Members, being 13 in Number, and returning the Expulsion of W—— B——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Dec^r. 1804. An Alteration in the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o 84, was read and is in the words following, to wit: "Resolved, That in future the Officers of this Lodge shall be chosen for Six Months, on the Stated Lodge Nights preceeding S^t John the Evangelist's Day, (Dec^r. 27th.) and S^t John the Baptist's Day, (June 24th.) and be installed the following S^t John's Day and that the 16th Section of the "Bye Laws of this Lodge be altered accordingly." Which "said Alteration was approved.

Lodge N^o 91, held in Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. John Sweeny, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert M^c. Cullagh, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Wellford, J. W.; Bro^r. Peter A. Browne, Secretary; Bro^r. William Gethen, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Thomas Meason, W.

M^r.; Bro^r. George Manypenny, S. W.; Bro^r. Patrick McDonald, J. W.; Bro^r. John Lyon, Secretary; Bro^r. Christian Tarr, Treasurer. Return of Members, being 18 in Number and returning the Expulsion of J—— V——. Account of their Grand Lodge Dues.

Bro^r. Baker communicated that on the 14th Ult^o, Bro^r. Edward Thursby, of this City, had called on him and gave him an Extract of a private Letter from Bro^r. Cowden to Bro^r. Thursby, which was read and is as follows, Viz: M^r. Cowden says in his Letter of the 10th of November, 1805. "That he is sorry as Treasurer of Lodge N^o. 22, that he cannot remit the Grand Lodge more than Thirty Dollars, but hopes the Collections from the Members of N^o. 22, will soon enable him to clear off the Demands against them to the G. L." That Bro^r. Thursby had at the same Time, paid him the said Sum of Thirty Dollars on Account of said Lodge N^o. 22, Which said Lodge is one of the Delinquent Lodges Notified by the Grand Secretary in May last.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Time be granted to Lodge N^o. 22, untill S^t. John's Day in June next to make a final settlement of their Grand Lodge Dues.

A Letter was read from the W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 61, held at Wilkesbarre, dated the 31st August, mentioning its having enclosed Forty Dollars on Account of their Grand Lodge Dues, which Bro^r. Baker Acknowledged to have received. Said Lodge being One of the Delinquent Lodges Notified as aforesaid. On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Time be granted to Lodge N^o. 61, untill S^t. John's Day in June next to make a final settlement of their Grand Lodge Dues.

The Petition of Bro^r. Matthis Kaler, W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 66, held in Robinson Township, Berks County, dated Philadelphia 2nd December Instant was read.

It Acknowledged the Receipt by said Lodge of the Circular from the Grand Secretary, informing them of their delinquency and calling on them to discharge their G. Lodge Dues. It stated several reasons why their Dues had not been paid but that the Lodge were taking measures to discharge them

speedily. That he had paid Twenty Dollars into the Hands of the Grand Treasurer on that Day on Account, and prayed an extention of Time untill S^t John's Day in June next, by which Time he hoped it would be in their power to discharge the balance. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Bro^r Town, Proxy of Lodge N^o 65, held at the Great Bend of Susquehannah, Luzerne County, (One of the Delinquent Lodges Notified as aforesaid,) informed the G. Lodge that from some information he had, he was confident said Lodge would make Returns and remittances in a short Time and prayed an extension of Time for their making a settlement up to S^t John's Day in June next.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that Bro^r Town's request be granted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the proceedings respecting those Delinquent Lodges who have not Answered the Circulars respecting their Delinquency, be Postponed to the next Communication.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

S^t JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Friday, 27th December, A. D. 1805.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r FREDERICK WOLBERT, Esq^r R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

" Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r Grand Treasurer.

" Robert Lewis, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Thomas Rayner, Junior Grand Deacon.

Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 41, 47, 51, 52, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 87 and 45 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Year, was read and thereupon the R. W. Grand Officers Elect were severally installed into their respective Offices in Ancient form, Viz :

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r· R. W. Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r· R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r· R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit :

Bro^r. Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Joseph Cloud, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doc^r. John Andrews,

“ “ Doc^r. William Rogers, } Grand Chaplains.

“ “ Doc^r. George Potts, }

Bro^r. Thomas Cave, } Grand Stewards.

“ John Phillips, }

“ Andrew Nilson, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Thomas Procter, Grand Marshal.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, }

“ Robert Lewis, }

“ Thomas Hennessy, }

Committee of Correspondence.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, }

“ Thomas Hennessy, }

“ Thomas Shoemaker, }

Committee of Accounts.

“ John Uhle, }

“ James Rolph, } Hall Committee.

“ John Sweeny, }

Bro ^r Frederick Wolbert, Esq ^r for the Northern Liberties,	}	Recommenders of Objects to the Dispensary.
“ Israel Israel, Esq ^r for the City,		
“ Robert Hill, for Southwark,		
“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq ^r .	}	Committee to examine the Bye Laws of the Sub- ordinate Lodges as the same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge.
“ Robert Pullen,		
“ Robert Poalk,		

A Resolution was offered by Bro^r Lewis which was Seconded, and after some Debate Ordered, that the further Consideration thereof be Postponed.

The Returns of the Lodges being called for the following Returns were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Stephen Clayton, W. M^r; Bro^r John O'Brien, S. W.; Bro^r Peter Grant, J. W.; Bro^r Jasper Carter, Secretary ; Bro^r Robert Pullen, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r William Huckell, W. M^r; Bro^r William Wray, S. W.; Bro^r John Clotworthy, J. W.; Bro^r James Wilkins, Secretary ; Bro^r Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r John Hailer, W. M.; Bro^r William T. Donaldson, S. W.; Bro^r Lambert Smyth, J. W.; Bro^r Abraham Douglass, Secretary ; Bro^r William S. Revoudt, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Robert Poalk, W. M.; Bro^r William J. Baker, S. W.; Bro^r Samuel F. Bradford, J. W.; Bro^r William J. Bell, Secretary ; Bro^r Thomas Page, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Joseph M^cMullin, W. M.; Bro^r Robert Mercer, S. W.; Bro^r Matthew Weaver, J. W.; Bro^r Savage Stilwell, Secretary ; Bro^r Thomas Armstrong, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 62, held at Reading. Election Return of Decem^r 1803, 4 and 5 that of December, 1805, returning Bro^r Marks John Biddle, W. M.; Bro^r Jasper Scull, S. W.; Bro^r Joseph Hiester, jun^r J. W.; Bro^r Frederick Heller, Treasurer ; Bro^r George K. Nutz, Secretary. A Letter from Bro^r

William Bell, late Master of said Lodge dated Reading 31st Ins^t informing that it inclosed One Hundred Dollars on Account of their Grand Lodge Dues, which Bro^r. Baker Acknowledged to have received inclosed in said Letter.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph Cloud, W. M.; Bro^r. Michael Wightenberg, S. W.; Bro^r. Ezekiel Taylor, J. W.; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Secretary; Bro^r. John Uhle, Treasurer. Also a Return of the Rejection of J—— R—— of the Northern Liberties, Earthen Ware Manufacturer.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Peter Bob, W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Ellis, S. W.; Bro^r. Nicholas M^cHenry, J. W.; Bro^r. John Ellis, Secretary; Bro^r. William Nelson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph Blame, W. M.; Bro^r. William L. Sonntag, S. W.; Bro^r. William Painter, J. W.; Bro^r. Francis Shallus, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Edward George, W. M.; Bro^r. Louis Houard, S. W.; Bro^r. Amiable Brazier, J. W.; Bro^r. Auguste Belin, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Chauveaux, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Robert M^cCullagh, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert Welford, S. W.; Bro^r. Peter A. Browne, J. W.; Bro^r. Abraham Cohen, Secretary; Bro^r. William Getheu, Treasurer.

On Motion made and Seconded, Bro^r. Duplessis, Rolph and Cloud were appointed a Committee to repair or renew the Clothing and Jewells of the Grand Officers.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased then to deliver a short Address respecting his Election and Installation into Office and concerning the Duties of the Brethren in general as Masons. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Thanks of the G. Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the Address by him delivered to the Brethren.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 8th March, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. FREDERICK WOLBERT, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

- “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
- “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. Grand Treasurer.
- “ William McCullagh, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ John Alexander, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ William Hackell, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 76, 77, 87, 91 and 100 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the 11th of December and of St^t John's Day last were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 20th January and 24th February were read and approved. It appeared by said Minutes that on the 20th January said Committee had granted the following Sums, Viz :

To Brother David Thomas, late of N ^o . 19,	10.
To Bro ^r . Thomas Wildbahns Orphan Son,	10.
To Bro ^r . M. C. Van Noemen,	10.
To Bro ^r . Bray's Widow,	10.

\$40.

On Motion, The Committee appointed on St^t John's Day last, to repair or renew the Clothing and Jewells of the Grand Officers were continued and directed to report at the next meeting, if any and what alterations are necessary.

The Petition of M^{rs}. Susanna Fraunces, Widow of the late Bro^r. Samuel Fraunces dec^d. (formerly Member of Lodge N^o. 19,) praying for Assistance was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Bro^r. Doct^r. Joseph Goss, stating his distressed situation and craving Assistance, was read, Ordered, That the Sum of Ten Dollars be placed in the Hands of Bro^m. Cummins, R. McCullagh and Bob to be by them applied to Bro^r. Goss's use if upon Enquirey they shall find him deserving.

The Petition of S—— T—— respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 75 was read. It stated that he had not been notified of the meeting of the Committee of the Grand Lodge appointed on his former Petition and that he had therefore not had an opportunity of being heard, And praying that the G. Lodge would adopt such Measures as might afford both Lodge N^o. 75 and the Petitioner, an Opportunity of a fair, Candid and impartial hearing and as might re-instate the Petitioner, (if found worthy,) in the Privileges which he had once enjoyed.

On Motion made and Seconded, the said Petition was reffer'd to Bro^m. Pullen, Poalk, Lewis, Cloud and William McCullagh to examine and Report thereon.

A Petition from divers Brethren was read, praying that a Warrant might be granted for holding a Lodge at Williamsport, in the County of Lycoming, in Pennsylvania, and that Bro^r. William Hepburn, might be named Master; Bro^r. James Davidson, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Samuel Coleman, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 106.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 4th September last, was read and reffer'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns were then received and read, Viz: Lodge N^o. 5, held at Cantwells Bridge. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Streets, W. M.; Bro^r. Arnold S. Nau-dain, S. W.; Bro^r. George Mitchell, J. W.; Bro^r. John Moody, Secretary; Bro^r. John V. Hyatt, Treasurer. Return of

Members, being 16 in Number. Account of Grand Lodge Dues, Amount \$15.55.

Lodge N^o 12, held at Winchester, Virginia. Election Return of December, returning Bro^r Peter Lauck, W. M.; Bro^r William Silver, S. W.; Bro^r Conrad Kraemer, J. W.; Bro^r Daniel W. Thomas, Secretary; Bro^r Philip Hoff, Treasurer.

A Letter from Lodge N^o 14, held at Wilmington, dated 9th December was read. It Acknowledged the Receipt of a Circular from the Grand Secretary respecting their Delinquency, stated several reasons why their Accounts had not been rendered and requested further Time to prepare them and make a settlement. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that Time be granted to Lodge N^o 14 untill S^t John's Day in June next to make a final settlement of their Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. Account of their Grand Lodge Dues, being \$38.6.

Lodge N^o 50, held at the Sign of the White Horse, Chester County. Election Return, returning Bro^r Joseph Pearce, W. M.; Bro^r Isaac Darlington, S. W.; Bro^r John E. Porter, J. W.; Bro^r John Lindsay, Secretary; Bro^r John G. Bull, Treasurer. Account of their Grand Lodge Dues, Amount \$136.55.

A Letter from Lodge N^o 61, held at Wilkesbarre, dated the 25th January last was read. It stated that an Application had been presented from T—— G——, Esq^r, to become a Member, but that some objections had been made on Account of his having but One Hand, therefore requesting information and directions from the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence write to said Lodge N^o 61, informing them that the said Person under said Circumstances cannot be admitted.

It having been stated that certain irregularities had taken place in Lodge N^o 80, held at Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Resolved, that the same be communicated to the R. W. Grand Master.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into Consideration the situation of

Masonry in general and Report if any, and if any what Alterations are necessary to promote the Welfare and good of the Institution. Resolved, that the Appointment of the said Committee be postponed.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the First Monday in April next at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th April, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Stephen Clayton, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Thomas Passmore, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 59, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 77, 87, 91 and 96 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

Resolved, that the Committee of Correspondence be discharged from making the Communication to Lodge N^o. 61, T—— G——, Esq., which they were directed to make by a Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 3rd Ultimo and that the said Communication be made to said Lodge N^o. 61, by the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, that the Committee of Correspondence be discharged from Reporting on a Communication from Lodge N^o. 12, referr'd to them on the 21st Jan^y. 1805, and that the same be referr'd to Bro^m. Hennessy, Shoemaker and Cummins to examine and Report thereon.

The Report of the late Committee of Accounts on the Account of Bro^r. Baker, Grand Secretary, was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“The Committee to whom was re-committed the Report on the Account of Bro^r. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, from June 24th, 1800, to December 27th, 1803, beg leave to report. That they find the balance of \$6.66½ due to Bro^r. Baker on that Account. Your Committee have the highest confidence in the abilities of Bro^r. Baker ; at the same time they recommend that in future, the charges for *making out the Accounts of Lodges* be discontinued in the Accounts with the Grand Lodge.

“Philadelphia, December 27th, 1805.

(Sign'd)

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ THO^s. HENNESSY.

“ THO^s. SHOEMAKER.

“ ROBERT LEWIS.”

Which Report was Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee appointed on the 7th March, 1803, “ to take into Consideration if any, and what Alterations, Additions and Explanations are necessary to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge and to make Report thereon ” be discharged and that Bro^{rs}. Duplessis, J. B. Smith, Poalk, Bradford and Rolph be a committee for that purpose.

The Petition of Catharine Frank, Widow of Bro^r. Lawrence Frank, late a Member of Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown was read. It stated that she, with her Three small Children are in great distress and that she is fearful that her Goods will be sold for Rent, and therefore craves Assistance.

Ordered, that the Sum of Twenty Dollars be granted for her Use and that an Order be drawn for that Sum in favour of Bro^{rs}. Cummins and Clayton who were appointed a Committee to present her therewith.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of 27th December last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from David Irving, directed to the R. W. Grand Master, was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“ PHILADA., March 3^d, 1806.

“ Sir and Brother,

“ Having had the misfortune to be taken by the Tripolitans
“ and lost my all, (amongst which was my Certificate from
“ your Honourable Lodge,) I beg you will be so good as to
“ grant me another Certificate, me paying for the same.

“ I am, &c., &c.

(Sign'd)

“ DAVID IRVING,

“ a late P. G. Officer.”

Whereupon, Resolved, that his request be complied with.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and read,
Viz :

Election Return of Lodge N^o. 3, held in Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. Thomas Passmore, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert De Silver, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Grant, J. W.; Bro^r. Anthony W. Hayman, Secretary ; Bro^r. John Hoover, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members to March, 1806, also returning the Rejection of G—— D—— and the Expulsions of W—— F——, J—— De B——, A—— B——, W—— C——. Accounts of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 65, held at the Great Bend of the Susquehannah. A Letter from said Lodge dated 6th November last was read. It Acknowledged the Receipt of a Circular from the Grand Secretary of 14th May last respecting their delinquency. It stated their determination of making their Returns and discharging their Grand Lodge Dues as speedily as possible, and that \$36. was enclosed on Account of their Dues, and which Bro^r. Baker acknowledged to have received on the 31st December last.

Bro^r. Town, Proxy of Lodge N^o. 65, stated the uncertainty of the Communications with said Lodge, owing to their remote situation and thereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Time allowed to said Lodge for making a settlement respecting their Grand Lodge Dues, be extended to S^t. John's Day in December next.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members up to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to same Time. Also a Communication of the Rejection of G—— H——.

Lodge N^o 68, held at Mifflin Town, Mifflin County. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Isaac Craven, W. M.; Bro^r Jeremiah Lindsay, S. W.; Bro^r James Serrell, J. W.; Bro^r Ezra Doty, Secretary; Bro^r Roswell Doty, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 70, held at Tiago Point, Luzerne County. Election Return of December, 1804, returning Bro^r Joseph Kingsbery, W. M.; Bro^r Elisha Satterlee, S. W.; Bro^r Zephon Flower, J. W.; Bro^r Clement Paine, Secretary; Bro^r John Spalding, Treasurer. Return of members up to same time and returning the Rejection of J—— A—— and the Expulsions of L—— G—— and E—— B—— G——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time. A Letter from the W. Master of said Lodge, (N^o 70,) dated 29th November last was read. It requested certain information respecting the opening of a Mark Lodge and making Mark Masons. Whereupon, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a Copy of the Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter to the W. Master of L^o N^o 70, referring him thereto for the desired information.

A Letter from the same dated 13th March last, enclosing \$23, on Account of their Grand Lodge Dues which Bro^r Baker acknowledged to have received.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Samuel P. Norton, W. M.; Bro^r Samuel Deal, S. W.; Bro^r William Sommers, J. W.; Bro^r Thomas Norton, Secretary; Bro^r Alexander Provost, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 94, held at New Hope, Bucks County. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r John Lambert, W. M.; Bro^r John Simpson, S. W.; Bro^r Joseph Mathews, J. W.; Bro^r John Poor, Secretary; Bro^r John Coates, Treasurer. Return of Members to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 100, held at Catawissa. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Philip Moyer, W. M.; Bro^r. Isaiah Willits, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Heatherling, J. W.; Bro^r. Gabriel Lount, Secretary; Bro^r. Casper Christman, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Samuel Ramsey, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Lefevre, S. W.; Bro^r. Joel Lightner, J. W.; Bro^r. Eli Thomas, Secretary; Bro^r. Jesse Cloud, Treasurer. Returns of Members up to June, 1805.

A Letter from Bro^r. Isaac Van Horne, dated Zanesville, (Ohio,) 9th March last, respecting Warrant N^o. 105, granted for Zanesville on S^t. John's Day in June last, was read and is in the words following,

"G. A. Baker, Grand Secretary,

"Dear Brother,

"Your Letter to Bro^r. W^m. Smyth is the First intimation
 "we have had of the R. W. Grand Lodge granting a Warrant
 "to hold a Lodge at this place, or of the cause of its detention,
 "or we should long since have taken the necessary steps to
 "procure it, and Organise the Lodge. Herewith is inclosed
 "Seventy One Dollars, the Amount stated in Your Letter for
 "that and the Dispensation. I am however requested by the
 "Brethren here, to state that the Additional Charge for re-
 "imbursing the expences of erecting the Masonic Hall in
 "Philad^a. was unexpected, and as a Majority of them are, and
 "have heretofore been under the Jurisdiction of different
 "Lodges, they entertain a Hope, that the R. W. Grand Lodge
 "of Pennsylvania will take their Case into Consideration, and
 "remit that part of the Charge. Considering that we are few
 "in Number, and the difficulties and privations attendant on
 "the settlement of a New Country, to struggle with, we
 "humbly conceive the R. W. G. Lodge will see a propriety
 "in granting the relief prayed for and suffer that part of the
 "Money to be appropriated towards Jewels and Tools to carry
 "on our Work. I have it also in charge, to state, that owing
 "to the difficulty of obtaining a suitable Lodge Room, a lati-
 "tude to meet either on the Zanesville or Springfield side of

“the River would be extremely desirable. Your friendly Aid
 “and Attention to those objects will confer the highest Obligation on those your Brethren in the West. If the R. W.
 “G. Lodge should remit the Additional Charge, permit us to
 “ask the favour of you in conjunction with Bro^r Israel to procure the necessary Jewels and forward them and the Warrant and Dispensation by the first favourable Opportunity to
 “Zanesville. Accept Sir, the Assurances of my sincere regard.
 (Sign'd), “I. V. HORNE.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the request concerning the remitting a part of the price of the Warrant and Dispensation cannot be granted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Lodge N^o 105, have permission to meet either on the Zanesville or Springfield side of the River.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That in Consideration of the situation of Lodge N^o 105, in a New Country and the consequent difficulties remaining to be encountered by them, this Grand Lodge do present said Lodge N^o 105, with a set of Jewells, and that the Grand Secretary forward them a set of the Jewells belonging to the Grand Lodge which have been received from Lodges which have ceased, but that if there shall not be any Jewells on hand, belonging to the Grand Lodge, that then the Grand Secretary be Authorized to purchase a set for the said Lodge N^o 105 and forward them.

The Committee appointed on the 3rd Ultimo on the Petition of Bro^r Joseph Goss presented his Receipt for the Sum granted by the Grand Lodge, being \$10.

The Consideration of the proceedings concerning the Delinquent Lodges, postponed on the 11th December last was resumed, and thereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Warrants of the following Lodges be Vacated and that the Grand Secretary demand a surrender of the Warrants, Books, Papers, Jewells, Furniture and Funds of the said Lodges agreeably to the 26th Article of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, Viz :

- Lodge N^o. 31 held at Norristown.
 41 held at Portsmouth, Virginia.
 46 held at Ephrata, Lancaster County.
 47 held at Port au Prince.
 48 held at Bedford.
 55 held in the Town of Huntingdon.
 57 held at New Town, Bucks County.
 63 held at Lewis Town, Delaware State.
 74 held in the Town of Concord, Franklin
 County.
 76 held in the Town of New Ville, Cumberland
 County.
 78 held at the Old Mingo Towns in the North
 Western Territory.
 87 held at the Cape in the Island of S^t Domingo.
 88 held at S^t Marc in the Island of S^t Domingo.
 89 held at Aux Cayes do fond de L'Isle a' Vaches
 in the Island of S^t Domingo.
 95 held at Luse a' Veau in the Island of S^t
 Domingo.
 97 held at S^t Domingo.
 98 held at Abricots in the Island of S^t Domingo.
 99 held at Arcahaye in the Island of S^t Domingo.

Resolved, That the Warrant of the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo be Vacated, said Provincial Grand Lodge having ceased by reason of the disturbances in that Island.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Time be granted to Lodge N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia, until S^t John's Day in June next, for making their Returns and a settlement of their Account with the G. Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Time be granted to Lodge N^o. 59, held at Philadelphia, until S^t John's Day in June next, for making their Returns and a settlement of their Account with the G. Lodge.

Whereas, the Sum of \$100. was received enclosed in a Letter from Bro^r. William Bell, late Master of Lodge N^o. 62, held at Reading, which Letter was read in G. Lodge on S^t John's Day last, And Whereas it was stated in said Letter that the Re-

turns of said Lodge were in forwardness and would shortly be transmitted.

Therefore, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that Time be granted to said Lodge N^o 62, until S^t John's Day in June next, for making their Returns and making a final settlement of their Account with this Grand Lodge.

The Petition of Richard Mathers, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o 64, held at Greensburg, which was read the 11th December last, and Ordered to lie over for Consideration was again read and thereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro^r Richard Mathers be fully re-instated in his former standing among Masons.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Building Committee be directed to render their Account and make Report of their proceedings at the next Quarterly Communication.

On Motion made and Seconded, That the appointment of a Committee to take into Consideration the situation of Masonry in General, as Resolved at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge, be postponed.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2^d June, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. G. W., R. W. G. Master, Pro Temp.

- " Thomas Passmore, R. W. S. G. Warden, Pro Temp.
- " Andrew Nilson, R. W. J. G. Warden, Pro Temp.
- " George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
- " Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Joseph Cloud, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

Bro^r. William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ William Ball, Esq^r.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. } R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 91, 93, 96, 100,
 and 50 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was
 Opened in Ancient Form.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 24th March,
 21st April and 19th May were read and approved. It appeared
 by said Minutes that the Committee had granted as follows,
 Viz :

24 th March, To Bro ^r . Andrew G. Fraunces's Widow,	\$20.
19 th May, To Cap ^t Nathan ^l Fowler's Widow,	10.
To Bro ^r . Adam Dickey's Wife,	10.
To Bro ^r . Ezekiel Howell,	10.
To M ^{rs} . Thompson,	10.
	\$60

A Recommendation of Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown,
 in behalf of M^{rs}. Hester Kessler, Widow of Bro^r. Peter Kessler
 deceas'd was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Return to a Dispensation granted by the late R. W.
 Grand Master on the 24th September last, directed to Bro^r.
 James Edgar, Authorizing him to Open and hold a Lodge at
 Kaskaskia in the Indiana Territory in the United States for
 the Term of Six Months from the Date of said Dispensation,
 was read. Also a Letter from Bro^r. Edgar, dated 14th April
 last respecting their proceedings under said Dispensation, And
 Also a Petition from Bro^r. Edgar and divers other Brethren
 who had been Members of said Lodge held under the afore-
 said Dispensation, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge
 at Kaskaskia aforesaid to be called *The Western Star Lodge* and
 that Bro^r. James Edgar, might be named Master; Bro^r.
 Michael Jones, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. James Galbraith,
 Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being duly
 recommended according to the regulations of this Grand
 Lodge,

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and the same be Numbered 107.

A Petition was read from Lodge N^o. 50, held at the Sign of the White Horse, Chester County, praying for an extension of their limits from Five to Seven Miles.

After Consideration, the said Petition was withdrawn by the W. Master of Lodge N^o. 50.

The Committee appointed on the 3rd March last on the Petition of Samuel Townsend, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 75, held at Pugh Town, Chester County, was read, and is in the words following, to wit: "We the Committee appointed
"by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to examine the
"proceedings of Lodge N^o. 75, (held at or near Pugh Town,)
"against Brother Samuel Townsend, late a Member of said
"Lodge, Respectfully beg leave to Report, that we have care-
"fully and diligently examined all the papers and Vouchers
"produced to us on that subject, and have heard and maturely
"considered the defence made by the said Brother T——,
"from all of which, together with a Certificate from many of
"the most respectable Masons in his Neighborhood, of his re-
"spectability of Character and his Zeal and attachment to
"Masonry, We are of Opinion that his Expulsion has been
"irregularly conducted by Lodge N^o. 75, and that their oppo-
"sition to him has not been the offspring of truly Masonic
"principles. We therefore recommend, that the said Bro^r.
"Samuel Townsend be restored to his Ancient good standing
"among Masons. Which we respectfully submit to the final
"decision of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd)

"ROBERT LEWIS.

"ROBERT POALK.

"JOS. CLOUD.

"W^m. M^cCULLAGH."

Which Report was adopted.

The Petition of R—— B—— respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 3, was read and referr'd to Bro^r. A. Nilson, Burden, Hennessy, W. M^cCullagh and Stillwell to Examine and Report thereon.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the 3^d Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th June, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert McCullagh, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
 “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Schnyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 91 and 100 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample form and the Minutes read.

The Petition of Ann Griffin, Widow of the late Br^r. Patrick Griffin, late a Member of the late Lodge N^o. 25, lately held at Bristol, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of the Widow of the late Bro^r. Van Noemer, craving Assistance towards enabling her and her Four small children to return to her Relations in Rotterdam, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Susannah Pragers, Widow of the late Bro^r. John Pragers, late Member of the Lodge N^o. 59, held at Philadelphia, praying for Assistance was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Committee appointed on the 2nd Instant on the Petition of R—— B—— respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 3, for the Term of Six Months, made their Report which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“We your Committee appointed on the Appeal of R——
 “B—— from the decision of Lodge N^o 3, relative to his Ex-
 “pulsion on the Nineteenth November, 1805, for Six Months;
 “from the Numerous Evidences adduced on behalf of Lodge
 “N^o 3, do report that after hearing the parties and maturely
 “deliberating on the Evidences aforesaid, We are Unani-
 “mously of Opinion, that Lodge N^o 3, were perfectly Justifi-
 “able in the said Expulsion, and that their Conduct was per-
 “fectly consistent with the true principles of Masonry.

(Sign'd)

“AND^w. NILSON, C. M.

“THO^a. HENNESSY.

“Philad^a 12 June, 1806.

“W^m. M^cCULLAGH.

“SAVAGE STILLWELL.

“JOSEPH BURDEN.

Which Report was Adopted.

The Building Committee presented a Book containing their Minutes and also their Account and made Report which was read and is in the Words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“The Committee of Purchase and Building, Respectfully
 “Report the following Minutes of their proceedings and State-
 “ment of their Accounts for your inspection and Examination
 “from which it will appear that the Sum of Three Hundred
 “and Twenty One Dollars and Eighty One Cents remains
 “unexpended in their Hands to be disposed as you may
 “direct. (Sign'd) “JAMES MILNOR, Chairman.

“Attest: THO^a. HENNESSY, Sec^y. “June 16, 1806.

Which said Account of the Building Committee was referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to Examine and Report thereon.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary requested directions concerning the making out a Grand Lodge Certificate for David Irving, as Resolved on the 7th April last, the said David Irving not being a Member of any Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. After some debate it was, Resolved, that the further Consideration of the premisses be postponed to the next Communication.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 27th December last, was read and Ordered, to be placed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicates the Expulsion of J—— M^cN—— by Lodge N^o. 302, Liverpool.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of the 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be placed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicates the Expulsion of M—— B—— from S^t John's Lodge N^o. 211, A—— D—— and T—— D—— from Digby Lodge N^o. 6.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, dated the 5th Instant was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of the 11th November last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

Two Annual Communications from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee of 1804 and 1805, were read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, of 23^d April last, respecting the establishing a Superintending Grand Lodge of America was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of the 18th March last, was read and Ordered to be placed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It communicated the following Rejections and Expulsions, Viz: Rejections, Viz: B—— D——, Lexington Lodge N^o. 1. J—— S——, C—— C——, Solomon's Lodge N^o. 5. A—— S——, J—— C——, Harmony Lodge N^o. 7. Expulsions, Viz: A—— A——, J—— B——, Hiram Lodge N^o. 4.

The following Communications from Lodges were received and read, Viz:

Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members up to 27 Decem^r. last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time, and Communication of the Expulsions of E—— B——, Convicted of killing his Wife, P—— B——, H—— M——, G—— T——, J—— E——, Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Expulsion of J—— B——, R—— B——, J—— H—— for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N^o 54, held at Washington, Pennsylv^a. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r David Cooke, W. M.; Bro^r Jacob Shaffer, S. W.; Bro^r Joseph Pentecost, J. W.; Bro^r James Ashbrook, Secretary; Bro^r Alexander Reed, Treasurer. Return of Members to 27th Decem^r last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o 72, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members up to Dec^r last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o 68, held at the Town of Mifflin. Return of Members up to December, 1803. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o 83, held at Damascus, Wayne County. Election Return of December, 1804, Returning Bro^r Nathan Skinner, W. M^r; Bro^r Bazaleel Calkin, S. W.; Bro^r Reuben Hanchet, J. W.; Bro^r Reuben Skinner, Secretary; Bro^r Daniel Skinner, Treasurer. Election Return of December, 1805, Returning Bro^r Nathan Skinner, W. M^r; Bro^r Bezaleel Calkin, S. W.; Bro^r David Brown, J. W.; Bro^r Israel Monington, Secretary; Bro^r Reuben Skinner, Treasurer. Return of Members to December, 1804, Returning the Rejection of J—— T——. Return of Members to December, 1805, Containing the Rejection of I—— L—— and R—— H——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to December, 1804, and Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to December, 1805.

Lodge N^o 84, held at Somerset. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r John Campbell, W. M.; Bro^r John McFeely, S. W.; Bro^r William Campbell, J. W.; Bro^r Otho Shrader, Secretary; Bro^r James Clark, Treasurer. Return of Members up to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to the same Time. A Commission, duly executed, appointing Bro^r Milnor, the R. W. Grand Master, Proxy of the said Lodge, which Commission was read and Bro^r Milnor thereupon recognized as the Proxy of said Lodge.

Lodge N^o 101, held at Palms Town, Dauphin C^o. Election

Return of December last, return^s Bro^r. William Patten, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Joseph Dyermon, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Smith, J. W.; Bro^r. Frederick Wolfersberger, Secretary; Bro^r. John Moore, Treasurer. Return of Members up to December last. A Letter from Bro^m. Patten, M^r. of said Lodge, and from Bro^r. Deyermon, requesting information respecting the receiving a person who has made application to be Initiated in their Lodge but who has a Defect by a hurt received in One of his Thighs some years since. Bro^r. Grand Secretary was directed to Answer said Letter and to refer them to the Book of Constitution respecting the Applicant. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge which was referr'd to the Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon. A Letter from Bro^r. William Smyth, dated Zanesville, April 28. last, was read, returning the thanks in behalf of himself and the rest of the Brethren, Petitioners for Warrant N^o. 105, for the present of Jewells Voted them by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

St. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Tuesday, 24th June, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Frederick Erringer, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Abraham H. Inskeep, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Painter, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 12, 19, 45, 51, 52, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 84 and 91 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Returns from the Lodges being called for, the following Returns were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Thomas Passmore, W. M^r; Bro^r Robert Desilver, S. W.; Bro^r Robert Grant, J. W.; Bro^r Mark Richards, Secretary; Bro^r John Hoover, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Andrew Nilson, W. M^r; Bro^r William Wray, S. W.; Bro^r John Clotworthy, J. W.; Bro^r James Wilkins, Secretary; Bro^r Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 22, held at Northumberland (Sunbury). Election Return, returning Bro^r Enoch Smith, W. M^r; Bro^r William Wilson, S. W.; Bro^r John Donaldson, J. W.; Bro^r John Hays, Secretary; Bro^r John Cowden, Treasurer. A Letter from Bro^r Cowden, Treasurer of said Lodge dated Northumberland, 13th June enclosing a Draught in favour of Bro^r Grand Secretary on S. Denman and William P. Meeker for \$40, on Account of their Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 50, held at the White Horse, Chester C^o. Election Return, returning Bro^r Isaac Darlington, W. M.; Bro^r John E. Porter, S. W.; Bro^r Samuel Davis, J. W.; Bro^r John Lindsay, Secretary; Bro^r John G. Bull, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r James Tatham, W. M.; Bro^r Samuel F. Bradford, S. W.; Bro^r Abraham H. Inskeep, J. W.; Bro^r William J. Bell, Secretary; Bro^r Thomas Page, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r Joseph McMullin, W. M^r; Bro^r Robert Mercer, S. W.; Bro^r William Smith, J. W.; Bro^r Savage Stillwell, Secretary; Bro^r Thomas Amies, Treasurer. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r William Sweeny, W. M^r; Bro^r George Alcorn, S. W.; Bro^r Michael McMullin, J. W.; Bro^r Robert Orr, Secretary; Bro^r John Ward, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Ezekiel Taylor, W. M.; Bro^r. Martin Saurman, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Belsterling, J. W.; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Secretary; Bro^r. John Uhle, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Nelson, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Samuel Ellis, S. W.; Bro^r. M^oHenry, J. W.; Bro^r. John Rutter, Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Bobb, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Lewis Sonntag, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Painter, S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Smith, J. W.; Bro^r. Francis Shallus, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. Election return, returning Bro^r. Charles Colladay, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Samuel Deal, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Meldrum, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Norton, Secretary; Bro^r. Alexander Provost, Treasurer.

The Minutes were read, and Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st September, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. FREDERICK WOLBERT, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

- " Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, Sen^r. Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Abraham H. Inskeep, Jun^r. Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
- " William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
- " Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 14, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 91 and 100 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the 16th June and of S^t John's Day last were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 27th June were read and Approved. It appeared by the said Minutes that the said Committee had granted the following Sums to wit :

to M ^{rs} . Hester Kessler, Widow of the late Bro ^r . Peter Kessler, dec ^d . late Member of N ^o . 81, at Germantown,	\$15.
to M ^{rs} . Ann Griffin, Widow of the late Bro ^r . Patrick Griffin, dec ^d . late Member of the late Lodge N ^o . 25, at Bristol,	8.
to M ^{rs} . Van Noemer, Widow of the late Bro ^r . M. C. Van Noemer, dec ^d .	20.

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A Communication from the late Lodge N^o. 88, lately held at S^t Marc in the Island of S^t Domingo, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence consider the expediency or inexpediency of re-instating the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo, and that they Report without delay.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 5th March last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of the 31st March last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Election Return of Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia, of June last was read, returning Bro^r. John O'Brien, W. Master ; Bro^r. Peter Grant, S. Warden ; Bro^r. Thomas De Silver, J. Warden ; Bro^r. Jasper Carter, Secretary ; Bro^r. Robert Pullen, Treasurer.

A Communication from Lodge N^o 12, held at Winchester, Virginia, dated the 2nd Ultimo, was read. It Communicated the determination of that Lodge to withdraw from the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and place itself under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, within which Jurisdiction the said Lodge is held, and desired instruction how to proceed in order to effectuate the object they have in contemplation. On Motion, the same was referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

An Election Return of Lodge N^o 14, held at Wilmington, of June last, also, Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues was received and read; also, A Letter dated Wilmington, Delaware, 19th August last, from Edward Roche, stiling himself "Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Delaware" inclosing a Copy of their proceedings and Rules and Regulations was read, And on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the same, as also the said Returns from Lodge N^o 14, be referr'd to Bro^m. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Duplessis, Passmore and Hennessy to examine and Report thereon.

Election Return of Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia, of June last was read, returning Bro^r. William T. Donaldson, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Erringer, S. W.; Bro^r. William H. Abbott, J. W; Bro^r. Abraham Douglass, Secretary; Bro^r. Willmans Revoudt, Treasurer.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodge N^o 43, held at Lancaster were received and read, to wit: Return of Members up to 24th June, 1805, the period to which the Grand Lodge commuted with said Lodge N^o 43. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. William Kirkpatrick, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert M^cElwee, S. W.; Bro^r. John Galligher, J. W.; Bro^r. William Greear, Secretary; Bro^r. Jacob Martin, Treasurer. Return of Members since 24 June, 1805, and returning the rejection of A—— G——, M—— C——, M—— H——. Account of Grand Lodge from 24 June, 1805, to 24 June, 1806, Amounting to \$33.20. And a Letter from Bro^r. Kirkpatrick, W. M^r. dated 16 July last, mentioning his having enclosed a Check for said Sum of \$33.20, which Bro^r. Baker Acknowledged to have received.

A Petition was received from the late Lodge N^o 46, lately held at Ephrata, Lancaster County, and read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“ EPHRATA, May 15th, 1806.

“ To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“ Gentlemen and Brethren,

We duly Acknowledge the
 “ Receipt of your Communication through the Hand of your
 “ Grand Secretary. We humbly pray you as a Band of sincere
 “ Brothers, to rescind your Resolution of the 7th April, 1806,
 “ as relates to us, (Lodge N^o 46,) for we are at all times ready
 “ to comply with every Resolution of the Right Worshipful
 “ Grand Lodge, and we herein remit to you the balance, being
 “ Twenty Five Dollars, due by our Lodge to the Right Wor-
 “ shipful Grand Lodge, and we pray and beseech you to re-
 “ scind your resolution in favour of us, and pray your early
 “ communication on this Subject for our Government.

“ By the Unanimous Resolution of Lodge N^o 46.

(Sign'd)

“ JACOB RAFROTS, P. Tem.,

“ Worshipful Master.

“ P. S. Since writing the within Letter, We have agreed to
 “ remit to the Grand Lodge Thirty Dollars, which please pass
 “ to our Credit and forward us a Receipt.”

To which Petition a Letter from Bro^r Kirkpatrick, W. M^r of Lodge N^o 43, at Lancaster, was subjoined which is in the words following, Viz :

“ LANCASTER, 11th July, 1806.

“ At the request of Bro^r Kaufrode, late Master of Lodge N^o
 “ 46, I address you a line at this Time corroborative with the
 “ preceding ; the reason he alledges for a Balance appearing
 “ against their Lodge must proceed from the delinquency of
 “ the former Members which composed it at Church Town,
 “ Two only of which belong to it at present, the remainder
 “ being formerly Members of Morgan Town and other Lodges.

“ The Statement which accompanies this he declares to be
 “ all their Lodge are justly indebted to the R. W. G. Lodge,
 “ but in place of Thirty Dollars as stated in the annexed
 “ Letter, you will find Forty Dollars inclosed. The surplus

“ after closing the former Dues he wishes placed to the Credit
 “ of their Lodge, And wishes an Answer with the Resolutions
 “ of the R. W. G. Lodge on the Subject addres'd to me by Mail
 “ as soon as possible.

“ With much respect Your Friend, &c.,

(Signed) “ WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK.”

(Address'd)

“ GEORGE A. BAKER, G. Secy.”

Said Petition was accompanied with an Account of their Grand Lodge Dues up to December last.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Sum of Forty Dollars (which Bro^r. Baker Acknowledged to have received, be accepted in full of the Grand Lodge Dues due from the said late Lodge N^o. 46, to this Grand Lodge to the present Time, And that the said Lodge N^o. 46, be fully reinstated in their former standing.

A Petition from sundry Brethren, formerly Members of Lodge N^o. 78, and others Associated with them was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“ To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of
 “ Pennsylvania. The Petition of the Subscribers, formerly
 “ Members of Lodge N^o. 78, of the Old Mingo Towns and
 “ others associated with them,
 “ Humbly Sheweth,

“ That feeling an anxious solicitude to enjoy the benefits of
 “ the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted
 “ Masons, of which we are at present deprived, by the Vaca-
 “ tion of the Warrant of our former Lodge, the restoration of
 “ which to favour, is the object of the prayer of this our Peti-
 “ tion. In Order that the R. W. Grand Lodge may have a
 “ complete View of the Subject, we beg leave to state the fol-
 “ lowing Facts for their consideration. The Warrant of Lodge
 “ N^o. 78, bears Date the 4th of March; 1799, and directed to
 “ the Old Mingo Towns, North Western Territory, but the
 “ Lodge was always held at Charlestown, Brooke County, in
 “ the State of Virginia, under the Rule, that a Lodge may
 “ always be held within Five Miles of the place to which the

“ Warrant is directed. During the Two First Years the Lodge
“ Meetings were regularly held, and we had a good prospect
“ of a firm establishment of our Fraternity, but unfortunately
“ for us, owing to some personal differences among the Mem-
“ bers, several withdrew and have never since returned. Dur-
“ ing the Two succeeding Years, removals of the Brethren from
“ the Town took place to such an Amount that there were but
“ Two Members of the Lodge left in it. The Brethren who lived
“ in the Neighboring Towns, and in the Country found at-
“ tendance inconvenient, so that for upwards of Two Years
“ past, we have had no Meetings, and in the Mean Time to
“ complete the list of our Misfortunes, our Treasurer died in
“ the State of Kentucky, and with him went our little Treas-
“ ury, which however, was more than sufficient to discharge our
“ dues to the Grand Lodge. He left nothing behind by means
“ of which the Lodge might be refunded the Money which he
“ had in his Hands belonging to them and they had taken no
“ Security of him. The former Master who is One of Your
“ Petitioners on this occasion, freely confesses his negligence
“ in not corresponding with the Grand Lodge, as his Duty re-
“ quired. At the same Time he must say, that a Correspondence
“ was all that was in his power, without bearing the whole ex-
“ pence himself. Should Your Right Worshipful Lodge think
“ proper to grant our request, it is our wish that the Lodge
“ should be held at Steubenville, in Jefferson County, State of
“ Ohio, which is only Three Miles from the Old Mingo Towns
“ and in the same State.

“ We Humbly Hope the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge
“ will ask no more of us than the payment of the individual
“ dues of those of the former Lodge who join in this Petition,
“ and who are Five in Number. Payment from those who do
“ not join us on the present occasion we cannot compel
“ and need not ask. Should the prayer of this Petition be
“ granted, we Nominate the Reverend Doctor Joseph Dodd-
“ ridge, for Master; Thomas Thompson, for Senior Warden,
“ and Benjamin Hough, Esquire, for Junior Warden. The R.
“ W. Master of the Washington Lodge in Pennsylvania, N^o.
“ 54, will no doubt upon request perform the Ceremony of In-

“stallation for us. And your Petitioners as in Duty bound
“shall every pray, &c.

“Steubenville, August 5th, 1805.

Members of Lodge
No. 78.

“ JOSEPH DODDRIDGE.	“ I. WILSON.
“ ZACHEUS BIGGE.	“ I. JENKINSON.
“ SAMP ^{NG} . KING.	“ AMOS WILSON.
“ JOSEPH LEWIS.	“ THOMAS THOMPSON.
“ ZACH ^A . A. BEATTY.	“ OBADIAH JENNINGS.
	“ BENJ ^N . HOUGH.
	“ DAV ^D . HOGE.
	“ JOHN JACKSON.
	“ THO ^A . NICHOLSON.”

Which said Petition was referr'd to Bro^{rs} Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Duplessis, Passmore and Hennessy to Examine and Report thereon.

On Motion, Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be requested to make Report on the Accounts of the Building Committee and to settle the Accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary to the next Quarterly Communication and make report thereon, (*at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge,*) that the Grand Lodge may know the state of their Funds.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the 3^d Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th September, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

- Bro^r. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Grand Treasurer.
 “ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.
 “ James Gardette, Junior Grand Deacon.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 45, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 91, 93 and 100 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form.

The Minutes of the 1st instant were read.

The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred several Communications from the late Provincial Grand Master of S^t Domingo and from the late Lodge N^o. 88 and 90, made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred
 “sundry Communications from Lodge La Concorde, N^o. 88,
 “presented by the R. W. Grand Master and Bro^r. Le Barbier
 “Duplessis, also a Letter from the R. W. Mathieu Dupotet,
 “late Provincial Grand Master in the Island of S^t Domingo,
 “and an Address and Petition from the Worshipful Master
 “and Brethren of Lodge La Perseverance, N^o. 98, late at the
 “Abricots in the Island of S^t Domingo, presented by Bro^r.
 “Duplessis, beg leave to Report.

“That they have taken the whole in their serious Consider-
 “ation and find that a Considerable Number of Brethren,
 “Members of the different Lodges under your Jurisdiction at
 “S^t Domingo having had the good fortune to escape from the
 “Hands of the Blacks, had taken refuge in the Spanish Island
 “of Cuba, as well as several other Masons, which gave room
 “to frequent private Committees and Clandestine makings, t^o
 “scandal and abuses of all kinds. That the good Masons
 “were exasperated at such Conducts and applied at several
 “Times to the R. W. Mathieu Dupotet, late Provincial Grand

“ Master of S^t Domingo, who was at Baracoa in the said Island,
“ with several Members of the said Provincial Grand Lodge,
“ informing him of what was doing every Day and requested
“ he would by virtue of his Authority and Powers grant War-
“ rants for New Lodges on Dispensations to open the Lodges,
“ late from S^t Domingo, whose Officers were then at S^t Yago,
“ pleading the absolute necessity to put an end to the said
“ scandals and irregularities, by giving to true Masons a cen-
“ tral point to unite themselves in and establishing a Tribunal
“ that might judge and punish the guilty, or at least give them
“ an opportunity to return and follow the paths of Wisdom
“ and Virtue.

“ That the said R. W. Mathieu Dupotet, though convinced
“ that his Authority and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t
“ Domingo, had been superceded by the removal from the
“ Island, as well as the subordinate Warrants, yielding to the
“ imperiousness of Circumstances and convinced that the es-
“ tablishment of a Lodge at S^t Yago was the only means to
“ put a stop to those evils and to render to Masonry those ad-
“ vantages it would otherwise have lost by the confusion and
“ Anarchy wherein it had fallen in that City, thought proper
“ and even indispensable, to submit the whole to a Grand
“ Committee he called for the purpose at Baracoa aforesaid, on
“ the 6th of August, 5805, and the result of their deliberations
“ was that for the reasons above stated, under the most imper-
“ ious Circumstances, and in Order to promote the respecta-
“ bility and Advancement of the Order, they Resolved to Au-
“ thorize our Worthy Brother, Morel de Guiramond, Master
“ of Lodge La Concorde, N^o 88, to open the said Lodge until
“ further Orders conforming themselves to General Regulations
“ of Masonry and those of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.”

“ That the said Lodge was by virtue of said Authorization,
“ opened at S^t Yago, and have since proceeded to their works
“ with the regularity and Zeal which are the Characteristic
“ of True Masons and that they pray the R. Worshipful Grand
“ Lodge to sanction their Works and the continuance thereof.

“ Your Committee are sensible that the powers of the Pro-
“ vincial Grand Master and Grand Lodge had absolutely

“ceased, but they are of opinion that the Conduct and interference of the R. W. G. Master and other Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo, to save Masonry from disgrace in a Country where the People are already so much prepossessed against it, and at a Time when the most imperious necessity commanded an immediate remedy, are laudable and deserve the approbation and thanks of this Grand Lodge.

“Your Committee offer the following Resolutions.

“Resolved, That so much of the Resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the 7th of April last past, as Vacates the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo and the Warrant of Lodge N^o. 88, be rescinded.

“Resolved, That the Powers and jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Lodge, late of S^t Domingo be extended to the Island of Cuba, over the Lodges formerly constituted at S^t Domingo aforesaid, until the further Orders of this Grand Lodge.

“Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do sanction and confirm the proceedings of Lodge “La Concorde, N^o. 88” since the 6th August, 5805.

“Resolved, that the Address and Petition of Lodge La Perseverance, N^o. 98, and the complaint of Lodge N^o. 88, against them, be referred to the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Lodge aforesaid.

“Philad^a. Sept^r. 15th. 5806.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ROBERT LEWIS.

“THO^a. HENNESSY.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the said Resolutions be taken up separately.

The First of the said Resolutions being read and Considered was Unanimously Adopted.

The Second of the said Resolutions being read and Considered was Unanimously Adopted.

The Third Resolution being read and Considered was Unanimously Adopted.

The Fourth Resolution being read and Considered was Unanimously Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence transmit Copies of the said Report and proceedings to the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo and Cuba and to Lodge N^o 88.

Bro^r. Duplessis paid the Sum of \$50. on Account of Lodge N^o 88, into the Hands of Bro^r. Grand Treasurer.

The Committee to whom were referred the Returns from Lodge N^o 14 made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee to whom were referred the papers presented to the R. W. G. Lodge at their last Grand Communication on the First Instant, by Bro^r. Archibald Hamilton, Junior Warden of Lodge N^o 14, at Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, beg leave to Report, That they have Considered the same and find that on the Sixth Day of June last, an Election was held in the said Lodge and the following Brethren were Elected, to wit : Thomas Stockton, W. Master ; John Hedrick, Sen^r. Warden ; Archibald Hamilton, Jun^r. Warden ; W^m. Pluright, Secretary, and William Clark, Merchant, Treasurer, and that said Return was signed by Thomas Stockton, W. Master of said Lodge N^o 14. It is accompanied by Two returns of Members from the Commencement of said Lodge, being the First of January, 5789, to S^t John’s Day, June 24th. 5806, and signed Thomas Stockton, Master of Lodge N^o 14, &c. There are also Two Sheets of an Account of Grand Lodge Dues from June the First, 5804, to S^t John’s Day, June the Twenty Fifth, 5806, the Total Amount whereof is \$145²⁸/₁₀₀, &c., those Two Accounts are Dated July 14th. 5806, and Signed Thomas Stockton, Master of Washington Lodge, N^o 1, &c.

“Your Committee observe that the Returns of Members are from Jan^y. 1st. 5789, and the Accounts of Dues are only from June the First, 5804, “to June the 24th. 5806, which makes “above Fifteen Years not accounted for. That Brother Grand

“ Secretary has informed Your Committee that on the Second
“ of July, 1781, the Sum of £5. 19, was paid by the said Lodge
“ and is the only payment ever made by them.

“ That said Lodge N^o. 14, have been regularly notified by
“ the Grand Secretary as One of the Delinquent Lodges, but
“ that regardless of such notification and of their most Sacred
“ Duty to this R. W. Grand Lodge they have neglected to
“ comply therewith.

“ Your Committee observe further, That Bro^r. Archibald
“ Hamilton, the representative of that Lodge having on the
“ Day aforesaid, offered the Sum of Fifty Dollars in full of
“ their Dues in open Grand Lodge, and finding that several
“ Members objected to it, expressly did declare, That those
“ were the only Terms he was authorized to offer and unless
“ this Grand Lodge would accept of them, Lodge N^o. 14 Con-
“ sidered themselves independent of this Grand Lodge, because
“ Lodge N^o. 14 was no more, as they had taken a Warrant
“ from another Grand Lodge in the State of Delaware, by the
“ Name of Washington Lodge N^o. 1, which is clearly proved
“ by the signature at the foot of the Accounts.

“ Your Committee are of Opinion that agreeably to Ancient
“ Usages, Lodge N^o. 14 should have informed the Right
“ Worshipful Grand Lodge of their intention to decline
“ their Jurisdiction by superceding their Warrant, and
“ should have settled their Dues indispensibly requisite to
“ enable them to obtain a Warrant from any regular Grand
“ Lodge.

“ Your Committee therefore propose the following Resolu-
“ tions :

“ Resolved, That the Returns and other papers from Lodge
“ N^o. 14, have not been presented in a manner consistent with
“ that respect due from a Subordinate Lodge to this R. W.
“ Grand Lodge.

“ Resolved, That the offer of Fifty Dollars made by their
“ Junior Warden, was so unbecoming and derogatory to the
“ Dignity of this Grand Lodge that it cannot be accepted.

“ Resolved, That the Warrant of Lodge N^o. 14, for the rea-
“ sons before mentioned be Vacated and that the Grand Sec-

“retary transmit a Copy of these proceedings to all the Grand
“Lodges throughout the United States.

(Sign'd)

“ ROBERT LEWIS.

“ ROBERT POALK.

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ THOMAS PASSMORE.

“ THOMAS HENNESSY.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that
the said Resolutions be taken up separately.

The First of the said Resolutions being read and Considered
was Unanimously Adopted.

The Second Resolution was then read, and On Motion
made and Seconded, Resolved, that the following words be
inserted after the word Junior Warden, to wit: “*a Sum so*
“*far below the Dues owing from Lodge No. 14, was unbecoming*
“*in that Lodge to offer and derogatory to the Dignity and rights*
“*of this Grand Lodge to accept.*

The said Resolution as amended is as follows, to wit: Re-
solved, That the offer of Fifty Dollars made by their Junior
Warden, a Sum so far below the Dues owing from Lodge N^o
14, was unbecoming in that Lodge to offer and derogatory to
the Dignity and rights of this Grand Lodge to accept.

The Third of the said Resolutions being read and Con-
sidered was Unanimously Adopted.

The Committee to whom were referred a Letter, &c., from
Bro^r. Edward Roche made Report which was read and is in
the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee to whom were referred a Letter from Bro^r.
“Edward Roche, stiling himself Grand Secretary of the Grand
“Lodge of Delaware and a Pamphlet entitled ‘Proceedings
“of the Grand Lodge of Delaware,’ directed to the R. W.
“Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, beg leave to Report, That
“they have considered the said Letter and proceedings with
“the Attention the Importance of the Subject requires and
“find That on the Sixth Day of June last, a meeting was held
“at the Town Hall in the Borough of Wilmington, in the

“State of Delaware, composed of Nine Brethren said to represent Lodges N^o 31, Laurel Town, Sussex County; N^o 33, New Castle, New Castle County; N^o 96, New Ark, New Castle County, and N^o 14 Wilmington, New Castle County. That they Resolved, *Unanimously*, ‘That the several Lodges of Ancient Masons in the State of Delaware there represented by Deputies properly authorized, consider it as a matter of right and for the general benefit of Masonry that they ought to form a Grand Lodge within the said State; and now do proceed to form and organize themselves into a Grand Lodge accordingly to be known and distinguished by the Name of ‘The Grand Lodge of Delaware.’

“That they appointed a Committee of Five of them to prepare a set of regulations for the Government of that Grand Lodge and report to the next Grand Communication thereof, and adjourned to meet at the same place on the next Day at 9 o’clock; That on the next Day, the 7th of June, they met Twelve in Number, proceeded to the appointment of Grand Officers, P. T. and thereupon, (without any previous installation, &c.) opened the Grand Lodge of Delaware *in due form and solemnity according to the Ancient Usages of Masonry*; That the proceedings of the Grand Communication of Lodges No. 31, 33, 96 and 14 as above said were read, approved confirmed and ratified; That the Committee reported a set of Regulations which were read, amended Unanimously ratified and Confirmed; That they Resolved, that Warrants issue under the Authority of that Grand Lodge as of *that date*, to the several Lodges within that State, to wit: to N^o 14, A Warrant under the Title of Washington Lodge at Wilmington N^o 1; to N^o 33, a Warrant under the Title of Lodge at New Castle N^o 2; to N^o 96, a Warrant under the Title of Hiram Lodge, at New Ark N^o 3; to N^o 31, a Warrant under the Title of Hope Lodge at Laurel Town, Sussex County N^o 4, without any charge save the Secretarys Fees for executing the same.

“That the said Grand Lodge proceeded agreeably to regulation to vote by ballot for Grand Officers, (The Grand Marshal and Tyler were also elected).

“ That they Resolved, that the Grand Secretary cause to be
 “ printed Two Hundred Copies of the whole of the proceed-
 “ ings of the Grand Lodge and transmit to each Grand Lodge
 “ in the United States and Lodges within that State and to
 “ every Member of the Grand Lodge, One Copy thereof with a
 “ Letter of Address, &c.

“ That the Deputy Grand Master was installed and also the
 “ Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Marshal.

“ That they appointed a Committee of *Five Past Masters to*
 “ *instal the absent Members elect of the Grand Lodge, when conven-*
 “ *ient, any Three of whom may act therein.*

“ That the Grand Lodge was closed to meet again at Dover
 “ on the Third Monday in January next, unless sooner con-
 “ vened on some Emergency.

“ Your Committee have also examined the regulations con-
 “ tained in the said Pamphlet and find that besides many
 “ irregularities, the 7 Sect. of Art. II. contains the following :
 “ The Grand Master, Deputy G. M. and G. Wardens shall
 “ severally at the Time of their installation make the following
 “ declaration “ *I solemnly promise upon the Honour of a Mason,*
 “ *that in the Office of* *I will according to my best abilities,*
 “ *strictly comply with the Laws and Regulations of this Grand*
 “ *Lodge and all other Ancient Masonic Usages.*”

“ Your Committee are conscious that the R. W. Grand
 “ Lodge of Pennsylvania would see with pleasure a Grand
 “ Lodge established in a Sister State, whereby Masonry would
 “ be highly benefitted, the works of the Lodges would be better
 “ superintended and the mode of working would become more
 “ uniform. But such Grand Lodge, before it can be Acknowl-
 “ edged, must be regularly established agreeably to the
 “ Ancient Usages handed to us from so many ages, which we
 “ are all bound to support.

“ Your Committee are sensible that Five Lodges at least are
 “ indispensably necessary to form themselves into a Grand
 “ Lodge; and the regular proceedings in that case if not
 “ sufficiently known by the Brethren, can be easily obtained
 “ from the Officers or Members of any Grand Lodge. Every
 “ subordinate Lodge must know that previous to their with-

“drawing from the Jurisdiction of their Mother Grand Lodge
 “they should apply to them, settle their Dues and impart to
 “them their intention and motives, in order to part from them
 “in a Brotherly manner, obtain the necessary information and
 “assistance which is never refused.

“Your Committee see with pains that of the Four Lodges
 “who have so irregularly endeavoured to form themselves
 “into a Grand Lodge, Three, to wit : N^o 14, 33 and 96 were at
 “the Time of the proceedings aforementioned, working under
 “Warrants from your R. W. Grand Lodge ; that they have not
 “settled their Dues which must be considerable, and have not
 “given the least Notice of their intentions and doings.

“Your Committee would not do justice to their own feelings,
 “and would be wanting in their duty and respect to the
 “R. W. Grand Lodge, were they to dwell any longer upon the
 “so many striking irregularities and wants of knowledge dis-
 “played throughout the proceedings analyzed in the present
 “Report. They beg leave to offer the following Resolutions :

“Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge cannot recognize
 “the pretended Grand Lodge of the State of Delaware, nor any
 “other Grand Lodge until the Brethren have formed them-
 “selves in that regular manner pointed out by the Ancient
 “Constitutions and agreeably to the known usages of Masons.

“Resolved, That the Warrants of Lodges N^o 14, 33 and 96
 “have been superceded by their joining in the Establishment
 “of the said pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware, and that the
 “same be vacated.

“Philadelphia, September 15th, 5806.

(Sign'd)

“ROBERT LEWIS.

“ROBERT POALK.

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“THOMAS PASSMORE.

“THOMAS HENNESSY.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that
 the said Resolutions be taken up separately.

The First of which said Resolutions being read and Con-
 sidered was Adopted Unanimously.

The Second Resolution being read and Considered was Adopted Unanimously.

The Petition of Bro^r. John R. Noury, a Member of Lodge N^o. 88, was read. It stated that he embarked at St^t. Jago in the Island of Cuba with all his Family, consisting of his Wife and Four Young Children, for this place, that the Vessel was Shipwrecked on the Voyage and that he lost all he had on board, that they were fortunate enough to reach Havannah in a Boat, where he received some Assistance from Lodge N^o. 103, who had also procured a passage for him and his Family to this place, where he now is destitute of every thing and therefore praying for relief. Whereupon, On Consideration, Resolved, that the Sum of Fifty Dollars be granted to Bro^r. Noury, and that Bro^m. Pullen, Duplessis and Hennessy be a Committee to present the same.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members up to St^t. John's Day last, also Account of Grand Lodge Dues to the same period.

Lodge N^o. 50, held at the Sign of the White Horse, Chester County. Communication from said Lodge, informing of the full restoration of Bro^r. William Worthington who was formerly expelled for Non payment of Dues. On Consideration, the same was Approved.

Lodge N^o. 65, held at the Great Bend of Susqueh^a. Return of Members up to Decem^r. 1804. Communication of the Restoration of Bro^r. Oliver Hale who was formerly Expelled. On Consideration the same was Approved. A Letter from said Lodge, dated the 18th June last, concerning their Account of Grand Lodge Dues and also respecting their Warrant which they stand charged with and which they state to have been paid to Bro^r. Town. On Consideration, the same was referr'd to Bro^m. William Nelson, John Sweeny and William Wray to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 73, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members to St^t. John's Day last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to the same period. Amounting to \$24.68.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert Wellford, S. W.; Bro^r. Peter A. Brown, J. W.; Bro^r. William McCullagh, Secretary; Bro^r. William Gethen, Treasurer. A Communication from said Lodge informing of their having made an exchange with Lodge N^o. 2, having received from Lodge N^o. 2, the Fourth Monday in every Month and given that Lodge in Lieu thereof the Third Saturday in every Month and that the Fourth Monday was, by an Addition to their Bye Laws, adopted for the Stated meetings of said Lodge N^o. 91. Which said alteration and exchange were approved.

Lodge N^o. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County. A Letter from Bro^r. George Manypenny, W. M^r. of said Lodge, dated 12th August last, desiring certain information respecting a Brother C—— who was Expelled by said Lodge, was read, And Ordered to lie on the Table.

Lodge N^o. 93, held at New Orleans. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Louis Fortin, W. M.; Bro^r. Eugene D'Orsiere, S. W.; Bro^r. Pierre Foucher, J. W.; Bro^r. Jean Blanque, Secretary; Bro^r. Francois M. Guerin, Treasurer. Return of Members to June last, returning the rejections of J. B. R——, P—— D——. Account of Grand Lodge to same Time, Amounting to \$34.10, and the Grand Treasurer's Receipt for the same, dated 6th Instant.

Lodge N^o. 100, held at Catawessa. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Isaiah Willits, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Heatherling, S. W.; Bro^r. Hezekiah Boone, J. W.; Bro^r. Gabriel Lount, Secretary; Bro^r. Stacy Margerum, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time, returning the Rejection of T—— P——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time, Amounting to \$15.13, which Bro^r. Grand Secretary Acknowledged to have received, inclosed in the said Returns on the 11th August. A Letter from Bro^r. Lount, Secretary of said Lodge, desiring information respecting a Brother who wishes to withdraw from the Lodge. Bro^r. Grand Secretary was directed to answer the same.

The Report of Lodge N^o. 106, having been duly Constituted

at Williamsport in Lycoming County, agreeably to Dispensation, on the 1st July last, was read and Accepted.

A Letter was received from Bro^r. George Green and read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the R. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
“composing the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons,
“for the State of Pennsylvania,

“Gentⁿ.

“On the 3rd of Sept^r. 1804, I put into your Hands
“a Certificate from the Grand Lodge of London, dated Oct^r.
“18th. 1792, and signed by Rob^t Leslie, G. S.; you Ordered
“the same to be sent to London, for Examination, or renewal;
“the Signature being doubted, as no return, or continued en-
“quiries have been made (by your Secretary) respecting it.
“I hope you will be just enough, to supply me with one, from
“your own Grand Lodge.

“I am sorry to be under the disagreeable neces-
“sity of making a Formal Complaint against I—— T——, a
“Carpenter, and I believe a Member of Lodge N^o. 71. This
“Man has wantonly, and Falsly accused me, (to the great in-
“jury of my Moral Character,) of writing my first obligation.
“I hope you will do me the Justice, to appoint a Committee
“to investigate the complaint.

“I am Gentⁿ.

(Sign'd)

Y^{rs}. respectfully,

“GEO. GREEN.

“N^o. 174 South Street, betⁿ. 4th and 5th.

“Philad^a. Sept^r. 1st. 1806.”

“Bro^r. Grand Secretary stated that he had, in compliance with a Resolution of this R. W. Grand Lodge of the 3^d September, 1804, transmitted the said Certificate of the said George Green to the R. W. Grand Lodge of England, and requested to be informed whether the same was genuine or not, but that he had not received any Communication from them on the Subject. That the said George Green had repeatedly called on him to know whether an Answer was received from the R. W. Grand Lodge of England. That he, after some Time had advised the said Green to write himself to the R.

W. Grand Secretary, (Bro^r. Leslie,) of the G. L. of England on the Subject and That he had since informed him Bro^r. Grand Secretary that he had written to Bro^r. Leslie, but had not received an Answer.

On Consideration, Resolved, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary in the next Annual Communication to the R. W. Grand Lodge of England, request information respecting the said Certificate.

Also Resolved, That Bro^r. Green be informed that his Complaint against Bro^r. T—— must be by Letter to the Lodge whereof Bro^r. T—— is a Member, and that in Case the said Lodge should not act thereon that then the business may be brought before this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 100 which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

“The Committee to whom was referred the Bye Laws of “Lodge N^o. 100,

“Respectfully beg leave to Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same and “find but One objectionable Article which is the 20th they “recommend the Article to be stricken out, as it is in direct “opposition to the 5th Section of the 2nd Chapter of the Con- “stitution ; with the above alteration, they recommend the “Bye Laws of N^o. 100, for the Approbation of the R. W. “Grand Lodge.

“(Sign’d)

“FRED^k. WOLBERT.

“ROB^t. PULLEN.”

“Sept^r. 1st. 1806.

The said 20th Article is in the words following, to wit : “No “Brother duly elected or appointed an Officer can refuse to “serve under the penalty of Eight Dollars, (unless he has “been in Office the last Six Months, or that he is about to re- “move to some distant place, but shall hold the same untill “the next stated Election.”

Which said Report was Adopted.

The Committee on the Bye Laws made Report on the Bye

Laws of Lodge N^o. 101, which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“ The Committee to whom was referr’d the Bye Laws of
“ Lodge N^o. 101,

“ Respectfully beg leave to Report,

“ That they have carefully examined the same and find
“ some objections, which they submit to the Wisdom of the
“ R. W. Grand Lodge. In Article 4th it is provided ‘ that
“ fines should be inflicted on Brethren refusing to serve an
“ Office to which they may be elected.’ Your Committee re-
“ commend the striking out this Article, as it is in direct
“ opposition to the Book of Constitution, (see Cap. 2nd page
“ 48).

“ In Article the Tenth, of the addition to the First set of
“ Bye Laws, Your Committee recommend the striking out the
“ words ‘ Knight Templars,’ no such being sanctioned by this
“ Grand Lodge as being a degree in Masonry.

(Sign’d)

“ FRED^r. WOLBERT.

“ ROB^r. PULLEN.”

“ Sept^r. 15th, 1806.

Which Report was Adopted.

A Deposition taken before the R. W. Deputy Grand Master was presented and read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“ Before me, Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. One of the Judges of
“ the Court of Common Pleas for the First District of Penn-
“ sylvania, Personally appeared William M^cRea, of the City
“ of Philadelphia, a Clergyman of the Kirk of Scotland, who
“ being duly sworn according to Law did depose and say,
“ That in and previously to the Year of Our LORD, One
“ Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety, the Deponent re-
“ sided in the State of North Carolina as a Clergyman and had
“ the Charge of Four Congregations. That Duncan MacFar-
“ land, now a Member of Congress for the said State, was a
“ Member and Elder of One of those Congregations, and was
“ well known to this Deponent. That the said Duncan Mac-
“ Farland was born, as this Deponent believes and is assured
“ within a few Miles of Fayetteville in the said State, and that
“ he the said Duncan never was in Scotland, much less born

"there. That in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and
 "Eighty Eight or Eighty Nine, a certain John M^cKennis died
 "at the House of the said Duncan ; and the said Duncan took
 "possession, as a Creditor, of the property of the said John
 "M^cKennis. That the said John M^cKennis was a Member of
 "the Society of Free Masons, and had a Certificate thereof
 "from Old Killwilling Lodge N^o. 45, under the Ancient Juris-
 "diction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. That this Deponent
 "frequently saw the said Certificate in the Hands of the said
 "John M^cKennis and often cautioned him against shewing it
 "so publicly. That after the Death of the said M^cKennis,
 "this Deponent saw in the Hands of the said Duncan M^cFar-
 "land, a Certificate purporting to be a Certificate of the said
 "Old Killwilling Lodge that he the said Duncan MacFarland,
 "was a Member thereof; but that this Deponent knows that
 "this Certificate was the Certificate belonging to the said John
 "M^cKennis, and verily believes that the Name of the said
 "John M^cKennis was erased therefrom by the said Duncan,
 "and the Name of the said Duncan M^cFarland was inserted,
 "for purposes of fraud in the place thereof; and this deponent
 "further says that he spoke upon the subject, to the said
 "Duncan MacFarland and told him that he the said Duncan
 "MacFarland was not a Mason and never had been in Scot-
 "land; and further that he the Deponent knew the Certificate
 "to be that of John M^cKennis. That the said Duncan did
 "not deny these assertions, but requested the Deponent not to
 "mention it and offered him Ten Pounds to be silent. The
 "Deponent replied, that if -ever the said Duncan M^cFarland,
 "should attempt to enter a Lodge the Deponent would expose
 "him. The Deponent shortly after left North Carolina and
 "has since understood that the said Duncan M^cFarland has
 "fraudulently intruded himself into a Lodge of Free Masons
 "at New Bern in the State aforesaid by means of the said
 "Certificate. (Sign'd) "WILL. M^cCREA, M. A.
 "Sworn and Subscribed (the words *and* "V. M. D."
 "*previously to* "in the Sixth Line
 "and the words" *not to mention it,*
 "*and offered him Ten Pounds to be*

“*silent* being first inserted,
 “this 10th Day of September, 1806.
 (Sign'd) “FRED^x WOLBERT.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved,
 That the Grand Secretary transmit a Copy of the said Depo-
 sition to the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The further Consideration respecting the making out a
 Grand Lodge Certificate for David Irving postponed on the
 16th June last, was now resumed, and, On Motion made and
 Seconded, Resolved, that the Resolution of the 7th April last,
 directing a Certificate to be granted to him, be suspended, and
 that Bro^m Lewis, Passmore and Gardette be a Committee to
 enquire concerning the premisses and make report.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to
 the Third Monday in October at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
 Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 20th October, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly
 Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. G. W., in the Chair.
 “ Thomas Passmore, R. W. S. G. W., Pro Temp.
 “ William Wray, R. W. J. G. W., Pro Temp.
 “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Grand Treasurer.
 “ John Kinnan, S. G. Deacon, Pro Temp.
 “ Frederick Erringer, J. G. Deacon, Pro Temp.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71 and 91 represented.

Ten Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in
 Ancient Form.

The Minutes of the 15th Ultimo were read.

A Letter from the R. W. Grand Master to the G. Secretary, dated this Day was read, and is as follows, to wit :

“ Sir : As it is impossible for me to attend the R. W. Grand Lodge this Evening, I beg you to suggest to the Brethren that it is my wish that after transacting the business of this Evening, there should be another adjournment to some Evening previous to the next stated Meeting.

“ Yours Fraternally,

“ JAMES MILNOR, G. M.

“ G. A. Baker, Esq^r. G. S.”

“ Oct^r 20, 1806.”

A Commission from the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, directed to all the Gr. Lodges and all Subordinate Lodges within the United States, dated at Portsmouth the 15th September last, Appointing the Rev^d. Bro^r. George Richards, (who is now in the City of Philadelphia,) a Member of the said Grand Lodge, to receive Lectures and other instructions in the Theory and practice of the Royal Art and on the part of the said Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, if requested, to exemplify the Prestonian Lectures in all Degrees as established by the said Grand Lodge, and to Answer all such queries as may tend to the improvement of the Craft, abolish the distinctions of Ancient and Modern Masons, and unite Columbian Masons, in One Uniform mode of Lecturing and Working, was read and referred to the R. W. Grand Master.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 4th June last, was read and Ordered, to be placed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicated the following Expulsions, Viz : J—— P——, alias J—— P——, alias A—— S——, late of Lodge N^o. 249, Woodbridge ; J—— A——, of Lodge N^o. 234, London ; H—— M^oA——, E—— M^oA——, B—— B——, Lodge N^o. 53, Liverpool.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of 12th May last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

An Address of Bro^r. John Crawford, M. D., late R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, delivered by him in the Grand Lodge of Maryland on the 14th May last, previous

to his resigning the Chair, accompanied the said Communication; the same was read and Ordered to be entered on the Minutes and is in the words following, to wit:

“ My much respected and highly esteemed Brothers,

“ Having for nearly Six Years been honoured with the
“ superintendency of this distinguished society, I cannot take
“ my leave of you, without expressing my warmest Thanks for
“ the ample support you have at all Times afforded me.

“ When I undertook the important Office, conscious of the
“ great responsibility attached to the situation, and of my in-
“ capacity to perform the Duties that must devolve upon me,
“ in an adequate manner, I solicited your indulgence for
“ Errors that might result from want of knowledge, but as-
“ sured you I should not fail in exertions, sensible of being
“ animated with the warmest Zeal to supply every deficiency
“ to the utmost of my power. I am well convinced that in
“ many respects I have fallen much short of the object I aimed
“ at, but never from a moment of indifference, or a lessening
“ of that ardour by which I was actuated on my coming into
“ Office. My Heart’s best affections have been unremittingly
“ devoted to the prosperity of the Order, connected, as I well
“ know it is, with everything dear to Man.

“ My private avocations will no longer suffer me to continue
“ in the Chair, as the Duties of it require more Time and at-
“ tention than are compatible with Interests that must not be
“ neglected. Hence it becomes necessary that you should
“ turn your thoughts to the selection of One, whose Virtues
“ and knowledge render him worthy of so eminent a station.

“ Such a Character may certainly be found, and such a
“ Character merits your undivided suffrage. You cannot, in-
“ deed, too seriously occupy your minds with a choice on
“ which every thing valuable in Masonry must very much
“ depend. The respectability of the Order is intimately con-
“ nected with the propriety of Conduct of those who are placed
“ at its head.

“ I have been long endeavouring to prove that the object of
“ our Labours has ever had, directly in view, a commemora-
“ tion of the Will of God as revealed to man either as con-

“tained in Holy writ, or handed down to us by tradition, and
“I hope in a short time, to adduce irresistible evidence, that
“were it not for the revelation so made, we should never have
“formed a conception of any of the Arts and sciences, con-
“ceived any Idea of the existence of a God, or consequently,
“of our having any relation to him whatsoever. It is a truth
“of which I am firmly persuaded that in our having had thus
“imparted to us these important Doctrines, we are chiefly
“distinguishable from the inferior animals. There is not an
“individual amongst us, who can doubt, that Masonry has
“been uniformly strenuous in enforcing a strict observance of
“the Laws contained in holy writ, although he might hesitate
“in admitting the Authenticity of their Origin.

“Those then who have the chief direction of our affairs,
“should give conspicuous proofs of their firm belief of the re-
“ligious designs they are enjoined to inculcate. It is as-
“suredly obvious that in proportion to our solicitude in pro-
“moting these designs, the purpose of Masonry must be more
“or less perfectly fulfilled.

“It is one of our firmly established rules, that discussions
“on Religion or politics, should never be admitted within the
“Walls of our Temple,—certainly an excellent rule! There
“are no subjects more likely to stir up the Angry passions, or
“to be subversive of that harmony which was from the begin-
“ning, one great aim of our institution. But from thence, it
“does not follow that we are to exclude every consideration of
“Religion of policy. Without the First, we should have no
“need of restraining turbulence; were it not for the last, we
“should be devoid of form, and degenerate into confusion.

“The injunction against the admission of Religious and
“political Questions, could never have obtained, had not such
“discussions been usual, nor would it have been adopted if the
“agitation of such questions had not proved injurious. But
“as all our Charges, and every progressive step we take in
“Masonry refer to revelation, or to tradition most evidently
“derived from the same source, we cannot preserve even a
“semblance of consistency, and deny a gift of the Almighty,
“which constitutes one of the most essential characteristics of

“our species. It will not be hazarding too much to assert
 “that our institution will never recover its ancient splendour,
 “until the Members of it become open and unqualified be-
 “lievers. Then, and not till then, may we repeat at the
 “closing of our Lodges, with becoming propriety, ‘That we
 “have not laboured in vain, nor spent our strength for naught,
 “for our work is with the Lord, and our recompense with our
 “God.’ Nor can we, until this generally prevails, hope to be
 “freed from the obloquy which has so long attached to us, an
 “obloquy which commenced with the opinion that Masonry
 “professed only the religion of Nature, and, in violation of
 “common sense, and evidences incapable of being misunder-
 “stood by the most limited understanding, that it was, in no
 “respect connected with divine revelation.

“The mistaken conceptions of the existence of a religion of
 “Nature, that is of a religion coeval with the formation of the
 “human system, with the construction of the Organs of sense,
 “have been the most injurious that ever entered into the mind
 “of man. Such a religion is unconnected with responsibility
 “for any of our Actions, and by giving no credibility to the
 “Laws of God, it flatters the mind with a persuasion that
 “crimes are alone cognizable by the Civil power. Take away
 “Law, and there can be no sin. It will not be difficult to
 “prove that this mode of reasoning is a perversion of the
 “understanding, and leads to consequences more ruinous than
 “ever entered into the thoughts of those by whom it was
 “suggested.

“Such a religion as has been already insisted upon, is
 “opposed to every thing that engages the attention of the
 “Mason. Let him apply himself diligently, with a candid
 “mind, to understand the obvious design of all his operations,
 “he will then be convinced that in every instance, a religion
 “of Nature is unconnected with all his pursuits, is altogether
 “delusive and visionary. No man however good he may be
 “in other respects, can be guilty of a greater absurdity, than
 “in occupying his Time with objects that have wholly in view
 “a commemoration of the injunctions of the Deity, and not-
 “withstanding professes that he does not believe any such in-
 “junctions were ever uttered.

“To direct our thoughts to this scrutiny, to explain the sense in which all our workings should be understood, has long claimed my solicitous care. I shall pursue it with diligence, and flatter myself with a hope of being able, in a short time, to demonstrate that the dearest interests of Religion are our unvarying aim, and that he must ever be the best Mason, who is most scrupulously governed by what it inculcates. These hints will, I trust, have some influence on your minds, in the choice of Grand Officers, you are about to make. May the Great Architect and Supreme Governor of the Universe, so direct your thoughts on this momentous occasion, and in every thing connected with our sublime order, that all the Advantages may be secured to you, which equally respect Time and eternity.

“Permit me my dear and highly esteemed Brethren, to renew my heartfelt thanks, for the distinguished honours you have so repeatedly conferred upon me, for the kind and liberal support I have uniformly received from you, and to intreat you may firmly believe that your dearest interests shall ever have possession of my heart.”

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that Two Hundred Copies of the said Address be printed.

An Account was received from Lodge N^o 3, with this Grand Lodge and read.

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was refer'd to Bro^{rs} Duplessis, Hennessy, Bradford, Pullen and Browne to examine and Report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Committee appointed on the 31st December, 1801, on an Account then presented by Lodge N^o 3, against the Grand Lodge were discharged.

A Communication was receiv'd from Lodge N^o 19, held in this City and read. It Communicated the rejection in that Lodge of C— G— S—, formerly a Member of Trinity Lodge N^o 10, in New York.

A Letter was read from Bro^r Robert Williams, late W. M. of Lodge N^o 64, held at Greensburgh, dated 10th Ultimo. It Communicated that owing to the elopement of Samuel Brown, formerly Master of said Lodge, and other Causes, there had

not been any Meetings of said Lodge since the 13th October, 1804. That there are a few Brethren remaining who are desirous of again opening the Lodge, but do not know how to proceed and request instructions from the Grand Lodge.

On Consideration, the same was referred to the R. W. Grand Master.

A Letter from Bro^r. Lewis Evans, Secretary of Lodge N^o. 75, held at Pugh Town, dated 20th September last was read. It informed of improper Conduct of Bro^r. Samuel Townsend, and desired to be informed whether he was consider'd by the Grand Lodge as a Member of Lodge N^o. 75, or whether he was sent back to them for an hearing.

On Consideration, Bro^r. Grand Secretary was directed to Answer said Letter so far as respects said Townsend's having been re-instated in said Lodge.

Return of Members of Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown, was read. It contains the Expulsions of J—— F——, J—— H——, J—— W—— and A—— N—— and J—— W——. Also, Account of Grand Lodge Dues of said Lodge up to June last.

Return from Lodge N^o. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County, were read as follows, viz: Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Robert M^cClure, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Daniel Keller, S. W.; Bro^r. Patrick M^cDonald, J. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Medlart, Secretary; Bro^r. William M^cClelland, Treasurer. Return of Members to June last, and returning the rejection of W—— S——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues, Amounting to \$22.71.

A Letter, (dated Zanesville 23^d September last,) from Bro^r. Isaac Van Horn, was read. It stated that the Dispensation directed to him to Constitute Lodge N^o. 105, had not been received by him until after the Time limited therein had expired, that considering the uncertainty of a good Conveyance and the delay which would have been occasioned by not acting under said Dispensation, it had been thought advisable under all the circumstances to proceed with the Installation and submit to the R. W. G. Lodge whether in that Case they would not give it their Sanction. That he had therefore Con-

stituted the said Lodge, as appears by the Return thereof Endorsed on the said Dispensation, and by the desire of the Lodge requested the Grand Lodge to sanction the said Proceedings. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said proceedings, respecting the Constituting of Lodge N^o. 105, under the aforesaid Dispensation, be Sanctioned by this Grand Lodge.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge N^o. 105, was enclosed in said Letter. The same was referr'd to the Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from George Green was read. It enclosed a Copy of the proceedings of Lodge N^o. 71, respecting his Complaint against J—— T—— a Member of said Lodge, and requested the Grand Lodge to decide upon the Case. On Consideration, Bro^m. Kinnan, Rayner and Pullen were appointed a Committee to make enquirey concerning the Premises and Report.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the First Monday in November next at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3rd November, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Grand Treasurer.
 “ Thomas Passmore, S. Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
 “ Joseph McMullin, J. Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 45, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88 and 91 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the 20th Ultimo were read.

The following Returns of Lodge N^o 68, held in the Town of Mifflin, were read, Viz :

Return of Members to June, 1804.

ditto to June, 1805.

ditto to December, 1805.

Account of Grand Lodge Dues to June, 1804.

ditto to June, 1805.

ditto to Decem^r. 1805.

The Committee appointed on the 15th September last, respecting the Application of David Irving for a Grand Lodge Certificate made Report, which was read.

On Motion made and Seconded, the said Report was re-committed to the same Committee.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Account of Lodge N^o. 52, was referr'd to the Committee of Accounts to examine and Report thereon.

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration if any and what Alterations, Additions and Explanations are necessary to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge made Report, which was read.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the said Report lay over for Consideration to the next stated Meeting.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that One Hundred and Twenty Copies of the said Report be printed for the Use of such of the Members of the Grand Lodge as reside in and near the City.

A Petition was read from R—— B—— respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o 3, And, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

The R. W. G. M. to whom were referred the Documents of Bro^r George Richards, of New Hampshire, reported that in conformity to his Duty he has had several conferences with Bro^r Richards of whose character and respectability as a man

and a Mason he has been well assured both by his Official testimonials and other satisfactory evidence. Brother Richards is a very experienced and scientific Mason, and has employed great Zeal and Industry united with uncommon capability in improving the work of the Craft in the State where he resides. In consequence of his distinguished merit the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire being informed of his intention of visiting this City gave him a Commission, the only object of which was to obtain for him among the Brethren the Friendly attention he was entitled to, and to enable him to receive and impart useful Masonic information. The G. M. is happy to say he has derived sensible profit and delight from his communications with Bro^r. Richards and greatly regrets that his avocations have so soon required his return, as it was his purpose had opportunity served to have given the Brethren generally the pleasure of hearing his valuable and useful Lectures. It is expected however, he will return to this City the ensuing Spring when the G. M. trusts some important advantages may arise from Bro^r. Richards' assistance in establishing stated Lectures and otherwise rendering our work more uniform and perfect.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st December, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
- “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- “ Joseph Burden, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

- Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ William Ball, Esq^r.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. } R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 66, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 81, 84, 91, 98, and 100 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, G. Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and of the Adjourned Communication of the 15th September, 20th October and 3rd November last, were read.

The following Reports of Committee were presented and Ordered, to lie on the Table, to wit :

Report of the Committee of Correspondence on Communication from Lodge N^o. 12, held at Winchester, Virginia, respecting their intention of withdrawing from the Jurisdiction of this G. Lodge and placing themselves under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Account of Bro^r. Hamilton, late Grand Treasurer.

Report of the same Committee on the Account of Bro^r. Armstrong, present Grand Treasurer.

Report of the same Committee on the Account of Bro^r. Baker, Grand Secretary.

The Petition of Bro^r. Henry Rees, a Member of Lodge N^o. 72, praying for Assistance was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the G. Lodge for holding the Election for Officers for the ensuing Year, Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Brethren thereupon proceeded to the Election when the undernamed Brethren were severally re-elected to the following Offices, to wit :

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

Bro^r. Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro^{ms}. Duplessis, Hennessy and Bradford were appointed the Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the 2nd Friday in the present Month at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 12th December, A. D. 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. Grand Warden, in the Chair.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ John O'Brien, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ William Wray, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 52, 59, 70, 77, 88 and 91 represented.

Eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ancient Form.

Grand Lodge Adjourned at 8 o'clock, P. M. to the First Monday in January next at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Saturday, 27th December, 1806.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ William L. Sonntag, Sen^r. Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ William Wray, Jun^r. Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ William Ball, Esq^r. R. W. P. G. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91 and 100 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Year was read, and thereupon the R. W. Grand Officers elect were severally Installed into their respective Offices in Ancient Form, to wit :

- Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, to wit :

- Bro^r. Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.
 “ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.
 Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews, }
 “ “ Doct^r. William Rogers, } Grand Chaplains.
 “ “ Doct^r. George Potts, }
 Bro^r. Thomas Cave, }
 “ John Phillips, } Grand Stewards.
 “ Andrew Nilson, Grand Sword Bearer.

- Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. Grand Marshal.
- “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
- “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. } Committee of Acco.
- “ Thomas Hennessy, }
- “ Samuel F. Bradford, }
- “ John Uhle, }
- “ James Rolph, } Hall Committee.
- “ John Sweeny, }
- “ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. for the } Recommenders of
- Northern Liberties, } Objects to the
- “ Israel Israel, Esq^r. for the City, } Philadelphia
- “ Robert Hill, for Southwark, } Dispensary.
- “ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. } Committee to examine the
- “ Robert Pullen, } Bye Laws of the Subor-
- “ Robert Poalk, } dinate Lodges as the
- same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee appointed to renew or repair the Jewells, Aprons, &c., of the Grand Officers made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“The Committee appointed to renew or repair the Jewells, Aprons, &c., of the Grand Officers beg leave to Report, That considering that the R. W. Grand Master mentioned his intention and wish to attend as soon as possible the Visitation of the Lodges, and considering that the Jewells, Orders and Aprons aforesaid, could by no means be used on such occasion, your Committee for the above reasons and with the Approbation of the R. W. Grand Master have procured Six Aprons, Six Hangings and have got the Jewells Gilt over, which they hope will be agreeable to the R. W. Grand Lodge. Your Committee beg the Grand Lodge would give them such directions as they will think proper concerning the Aprons, &c.

(Sign'd)

P. LE BARBIER DUPLSSIS.
J. ROLPH.

“Decem^r. 27th. 5806.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to the said Committee for what they have done and that they be continued.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Committee be requested to procure Silk Aprons and Appropriate Jewels for the following Officers of this Grand Lodge, to wit: Aprons and Jewels for the Grand Chaplains, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword bearer, Grand Deacons, Grand Stewards, and Grand Pursuivant.

A Recommendation of Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown, in favour of Bro^r. Samuel M^cClung, a Member of said Lodge was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Returns of the Lodges being called for, the following Returns were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Robert De Silver, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert Grant, S. W.; Bro^r. Richard Tybout, J. W.; Bro^r. Mark Richards, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Passmore, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Daniel M^cKaraher, W. M.; Bro^r. William Wray, S. W.; Bro^r. William Huckel, J. W.; Bro^r. James Wilkins, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Lambert Smyth, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Erringer, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Peterman, J. W.; Bro^r. Abraham Douglass, Secretary; Bro^r. William Rowoudt, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburgh. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. George M. Wagner, M. D., W. M.; Bro^r. William Murray, S. W.; Bro^r. Frederick Kleckner, J. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Wain, Secretary; Bro^r. James Brooks, Treasurer. Return of Members to June last, returning the Expulsions of A—— S—— and S—— F——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 59, held in Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. George Alcorn, W. M.; Bro^r. John Martin, S. W.; Bro^r. Michael M^cMullen, J. W.; Bro^r. Robert Orr, Secretary; Bro^r. Philip Boyle, Treasurer. Return of Members, also Account of their Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 70, held at Tyoga Point, Luzerne C^o. Election Return of December, 1805, returning Bro^r. Joseph Kingsbery, W. M.; Bro^r. Elisha Satterlee, J. W.; Bro^r. Zephon Flower, J. W.; Bro^r. Clement Paine, Secretary; Bro^r. John Spalding, Treasurer. Return of Members to December, 1805. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel B. Ellis, W. M.; Bro^r. Nicholas M^cHenry, S. W.; Bro^r. John Rutter, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Bobb, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William L. Sonntag, W. M.; Bro^r. William Painter, S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Smith, J. W.; Bro^r. Francis Shallus, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Simon Chaudron, W. M.; Bro^r. Pageot Desnoutieres, S. W.; Bro^r. Pierre Thouron, J. W.; Bro^r. Lewis Martin, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Chaveau, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 77, held at Trinidad. A Communication from said Lodge dated the 16th July last.

A Report of Lodge N^o. 167, having been duly Constituted on the 13th Day of September last, endorsed on the Dispensation directed to Bro^r. Robert Robinson for that purpose, was read and Ordered to be filed.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th January, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro^r. George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Daniel M^cKaraher, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Peter Bob, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 45, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 77, 84, 88 and 91 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly and Adjourned Communications and for S^t John's Day were read.

The Petition of I. Heydenfeld, soliciting a Loan from this Grand Lodge was read and referred to the R. W. D. Grand Master, (Bro^r. Wolbert,) and Bro^{rs} Hennessy and Cummins to examine and make Report to the Grand Committee of Charity.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John O'Brien, W. M.; Bro^r. Peter Grant, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas De Silver, J. W.; Bro^r. John Phillips, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Pullen, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 11, held at Chatham, Chester County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Robert M^cNeeley, W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Perry, S. W.; Bro^r. James Peoples, J. W.; Bro^r. William Tinsley, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert M^cNeeley, Treasurer. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Samuel Perry, W. M.; Bro^r. Walter M^cCray, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Hamilton, J. W.; Bro^r. John Hegins, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert M^cNeeley, Treasurer. Return of Members up to Dec^r. last, and returning the rejections of T— L— and A— M—; and the Expulsions of J— D—, J— R. P—, M— C—, A— M^cG—, R— C—, T— T—.

Lodge N^o. 12, held at Winchester, Virginia. Return of Members up to S^t John's Day last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time. A Letter from Bro^r. Thomas, Secre-

tary of said Lodge, dated 28th October last, on the Subject of withdrawing from the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, as before communicated, and requesting instructions how to proceed.

Lodge N^o. 50, held at the Sign of the White Horse, Chester County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Ewing Porter, W. M.; Bro^r. Ephraim Buffington, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Osborne, J. W.; Bro^r. John Gronow Bull, Treasurer; Bro^r. Isaac Darlington, Secretary. Return of Members, also Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Petition from said Lodge, (N^o. 50,) praying permission to remove said Lodge to the Borough of West Chester in the said County and to hold the future meetings of said Lodge thereat or within Five Miles thereof, was read. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, W. M.; Bro^r. Abraham H. Inskip, S. W.; Bro^r. William Page, J. W.; Bro^r. William J. Bell, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Page, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph M^cMullin, W. M.. Bro^r. Robert Mercer, S. W.; Bro^r. William Smith, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Charles Cummins, W. M.; Bro^r. Frederick Baumgart, S. W.; Bro^r. Henry Snyder, J. W.; Bro^r. Nathaniel Potts, Secretary; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 82, held at Milford, Wayne County. Return of Members up to June, 1805. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time, the Return containing the Expulsions of J—— M^cC—— and J—— C—— for Non Pay^t. of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 103, held at Havannah. Bro^r. P. Le Barbier Duplessis presented a Commission in due form from Lodge N^o. 103, appointing him their Proxy and he was recognized as such. He then presented sundry papers from the said Lodge and their late W. Master, Brother Cerneau, also a Return of the present Officers and Members of the said

Lodge, 14 in Number. It appears from the said papers that difficulties of the highest importance had happened in that Lodge. That unworthy Brethren had denounced the Lodge to the Governor of Havanna and that Bro^r. Cerneau had been Ordered to quit the Island and was arrived at New York in the beginning of November last with his Family; That the worthy Brethren of the said Lodge N^o. 103, had proceeded to the choice of New Officers agreeably to the Communications and Returns aforesaid, and were Obligated to use the greatest caution in their work, &c.; that the Lodge had lost above Three Thousand Dollars by the unfortunate circumstance aforesaid, and our worthy Brother Cerneau had also met with a heavy loss by his being obliged to remove with his Family, though he had received from the Governor every mark of regard that could be expected by the most respectable Character, &c., and that the said Bro^r. Cerneau had previous to his departure given to the Brethren the most wholesome advice and Assisted them in re-organizing the said Lodge, which now consists of the most respectable Characters of the Island.

Lodge N^o. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County.

Return of Members up to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Bro^r. Baker, Grand Secretary, communicated that pursuant to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 7th April last, Voting a present of a sett of Jewells to Lodge N^o. 105, he had purchased a sett and that by desire of said Lodge, expressed in a Letter to him from Bro^r. William Smyth, dated the 22nd October last, he had delivered them to M^r. William Dilworth of Philadelphia, to be forwarded to the Lodge at Zanesville, as appears by said Dilworth's Receipt for the same, dated the 11th November, given on said Letter.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on the Communication from Lodge N^o. 12, respecting their withdrawing from the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: The Committee of Correspondence to whom was re-

“ferred the Communication from Lodge N^o. 12, held at Winchester in the State of Virginia, dated August 2nd. 1806, beg leave to Report, that they have considered the same with due Attention and are of Opinion that the reasons therein stated for their wishing to resign their Warrant from this R. W. Grand Lodge and to take another under the R. W. G. Lodge of Virginia, are laudable and perfectly Consistent with the true principles of Masonry. Your Committee under that impression propose the Adoption of the following Resolutions :

“Resolved, that the Grand Lodge do cordially approve the proceedings of Lodge N^o. 12, held at Winchester, Virginia.

“Resolved, that the said Lodge have leave to resign their Warrant from this Grand Lodge to take another from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, having previously paid the Arrearages that may be now due by them and sending the said Warrant to the Grand Secretary.

“Philadelphia, December 1st. 5806.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“THO^s. HENNESSY.”

Which said Report and Resolutions were Adopted.

Bro^r. Baker stated that on the 16th December, 1805, Bro^r. John Somersall, late W. M. of Lodge N^o. 12, at Winchester in Virginia, being in this City on his return homewards from New York, and being out of Money, had obtained \$10 from the Grand Treasurer on an Order of the R. W. G. Master, which Bro^r. Samuel Somersall had promised to remit immediately after his return to Winchester, and for the repayment whereof he, Bro^r. Baker, became responsible ; that the said sum being stated by Bro^r. Somersall, to be insufficient to defray his expences home he, Bro^r. Baker, had lent him the Sum of \$10 of his own Money, for which Bro^r. Somersall gave him a Note and promised to forward it on with the \$10 of the Grand Lodge ; That said Monies however, have not been received, and that by a Letter from Bro^r. Lauck, W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 12, dated 28th October last, in Answer to a Note to him from Bro^r. Baker on said subject, it appears that Bro^r. Somersall's Circumstances are such as render it doubtful whether he will

ever be able to pay the said Monies. Brother Baker therefore submitted it to the Grand Lodge whether considering Bro^r. Somersall's situation and his Bro^r. Baker's having assisted him with \$10 of his own Money, they would hold him responsible for the repayment of the said \$10, (which he said he conceived himself in Honour bound to pay and would pay if the G. Lodge desired it,) or release him from his responsibility for the same. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that Bro^r. Baker be discharged from any further responsibility for the repayment of the said sum of Ten Dollars.

A Letter was received from George Green, which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the R. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
“composing the G. Lodge of Ancient York Masons for the
“State of Pennsylv^a—

“Gentⁿ—

“I thank you for having appointed a Committee
“to investigate my Complaint against J—— T—— of Lodge
“N^o. 71. I trust their report will be consistent with the Con-
“sciences of Honest Men, and that you will of course act ac-
“cordingly. The Duty which I owe to myself, constrains me
“to continue my Application for the Blue Certificate which I
“received from The Grand Lodge of London, and which I en-
“trusted to your Care on the 3rd Sept^r. 1804. I hope you
“will be just enough to restore the same, *or if lost*, to procure
“one from the same Grand Lodge, in lieu thereof.

“Altho you disavow taking any Cognizance of the
“proceedings of a Society of people, called Knights Templars,
“who meet in One of your Rooms, I beg leave to inform
“you, that they impose upon Masons, and draw them into
“their Society, under pretence, of its being a high Degree of
“Masonry, and that they are sanctioned by a Warrant, given
“by you to Lodge N^o. 9, finding that there is no higher De-
“gree of Masonry, than the R. A. either the Grand Lodge
“must be wrong in sanctioning such a Society, or else the
“Warrant gives them *no sanction at all*.

“I am Gentⁿ—

Yⁿ. Respectfully,

“Jan^r. 5, 1807.

(Sign'd)

“GEO. GREEN.”

On Consideration, the same was referr'd to the Committee on his former Letter, Bro^m. Kinnan, Rayner and Pullen, to examine and Report at the next Communication.

The Report of the Committee on the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, presented on the 3rd November last, was taken into Consideration, And, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the further Consideration thereof be postponed to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Account of Bro^r. Gavin Hamilton, late Grand Treasurer, presented on the 1st December last, was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania : The Committee of Accounts having examined the Account of the late Grand Treasurer, Bro^r. Gavin Hamilton and compared the same with the Vouchers produced in favour of the disbursements, beg leave to Report that they find that there was in his Hands a Balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of Three Hundred and Eighty Dollars which has been duly paid to the present Grand Treasurer and are credited in his Account settled this Day. Philadelphia, December 1st 5806.

(Sign'd)

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ THO^m. HENNESSY.”

Which Report was Adopted.

The Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Account of Bro^r. Thomas Armstrong, Grand Treasurer, presented on the 1st December last, was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“The Committee of Accounts having examined the foregoing Account of Bro^r. Grand Treasurer and compared the same with the Vouchers produced in favour of the disbursements beg leave to Report, That they find a balance of One Thousand and Fourteen Dollars Twenty Four Cents and an Half in the Hands of the Grand Treasurer. Philadelphia, December 1st 5806.

(Sign'd)

“ P. L. BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ THO^m. HENNESSY.”

Which Report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Account of Bro^r. Baker, Grand Secretary, presented on the 1st December last, was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“The Committee of Accounts having examined the foregoing Account of Brother George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, and compared the same with the Vouchers produced in favour of the Disbursements, beg leave to Report that they find a balance of One Thousand and Fifty Seven Dollars and Eighty Three Cents in the Hands of the Grand Secretary, which the Committee are of Opinion should be paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer.
Philadelphia, December, 5806.

(Sign'd)

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ THO^s. HENNESSY.”

Which Report was Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be Authorized to settle the Account of Lodge N^o. 9, and the Account of all the other Lodges who have made Loans to the Grand Lodge, with the Grand Lodge and that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw Orders on the Grand Treasurer in favour of such Lodges as shall have balance due them, for the balances which shall so be found to be owing from the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be authorized to settle the Account of Bro^r. Israel Israel, as Treasurer to the Building Committee and that the balance which shall be found to be in his Hands be paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

The following Resolution was offered by Bro^r. Jonathan B. Smith, and being Seconded, was Ordered, to lie over for Consideration, Viz :

Whereas, it has sometimes happened that the place of holding a Lodge, as fixed in their Warrant becomes inconvenient to the greater part of the Members or otherwise improper and no other place which is eligible can be obtained within the assigned limits. It is therefore Resolved, that in such Cases, On a Motion made and Seconded, in Open Lodge at a Stated Meeting, the W. Master or presiding Brother shall Order the

Motion to be entered on their Minutes and lie over for Consideration untill their next stated Meeting and he shall direct Ten Days Notice to be given to every Member that such Motion is made and will be considered at the said next stated Meeting of the Lodge, and if at such next meeting or such other stated meeting to which the Consideration of said Motion may be Adjourned, Two Thirds of the Members present concur in Voting for the removal of the seat of the Lodge to any certain place not more than Miles from its former limits, the said proceedings shall be certified by the Officers of the Lodge with the Seal of the Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge and on their Petition to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge may, if they approve of it, authorize such change of the District. But if any Five Members of the Lodge appeal from such proceedings within One Month after the Vote for removal shall be taken and shall have given Notice to the Lodge thereof at the next meeting, they shall have an Opportunity of being heard. And if the removal shall be approved and Order'd, the Lodge shall send their Warrant to the Grand Secretary to have said Approbation and Order indorsed thereon with the Signature of the R. W. Grand Master and Seal of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M. to the First Monday in February next at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2^d February, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

- Bro^r. Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 “ Daniel M^cKaraber, Senior Grand Deacon.
 “ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91 and 103 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 5, held at Cantwells Bridge, Del. State. Election Return of 1806, returning Bro^r. Arnold L. Naudain, W. M.; Bro^r. George Mitchell, S. W.; Bro^r. John Springer, J. W.; Bro^r. John Moody, Secretary ; Bro^r. John V. Hyatt, Treasurer. Election Return of December, 1806, returning Bro^r. John Moody, W. M.; Bro^r. George Mitchell, S. W.; Bro^r. Alexander Briscole, J. W.; Bro^r. Richard Mansfield, Secretary ; Bro^r. Jacob Streets, Treasurer. Return of Members to December last and Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 68, held at the Town of Mifflin. Election Return, returning Bro^r. James Serrill, W. M.; Bro^r. James Forbess, S. W.; Bro^r. William W. Laird, J. W.; Bro^r. Isaac Craven, Secretary ; Bro^r. Roswell Doty, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members up to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 80, held in Sadsbury Township, Chester County. A Letter from Bro^r. Samuel Ramsay, W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, was read, as also a Petition, (which accompanied said Letter,) to this Grand Lodge from Bro^r. James Parke and John Gormly, Members of Lodge N^o. 80, held in Sadsbury Township, Chester County, complaining of irregular and unmasonic Conduct and proceedings of Andrew Charles the Master,

and of the Lodge also. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro^m. Duplessis, Pullen and Bob be a Committee to proceed to and attend at the place of meeting of said Lodge N^o. 80, with full power and Authority to call for the Books and Papers of the said Lodge for examination and inspection, to direct the W. Master thereof to Convene the said Lodge on the Occasion and to Examine respecting the different complaints contained in the said Petition and to make Report of their proceedings in the Premises to this Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Expences of the said Committee be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return of December, returning Bro^r. Charles Colladay, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Norton, S. W.; Bro^r. John M^cClune, J. W.; Bro^r. William A. Lee, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Deal, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 85, held at Alexandria. Election Return of December, returning Bro^r. Lewis Mytinger, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert Provines, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Magee, J. W.; Bro^r. Robert Hunter, Secretary; Bro^r. John Beatty, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County. Election Return of December, returning Bro^r. Daniel Keller, W. M.; Bro^r. William M^cClellan, S. W.; Bro^r. Patrick M^cDonald, J. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Oliphant, Secretary; Bro^r. Jonathan Downer, Treasurer.

A Letter from the late Lodge N^o. 96, lately held at New Ark, New Castle County, State of Delaware, (the Warrant whereof having been Vacated by this G. Lodge on the 15th September last,) together with an Election Return and Account of Grand Lodge Dues were read and Ordered to lay over for Consideration to the next Quarterly Communication.

On Motion made and Seconded, the further Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, postponed on the Fifth Ultimo, was resumed, when the said Report was read.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the same be taken up by Articles.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the further Consideration of the said Report be postponed to the next Quarterly Communication.

The Petition of Lydia Auld, Widow of the late Bro^r. James Auld, deceased, praying Assistance, was read.

On Motion made and Seconded, the R. W. Grand Master and Bro^r. Alexander Moore were appointed a Committee to relieve M^{rs}. Auld, with a sum not exceeding Thirty Dollars as upon enquirey they shall see proper.

The Appointment of a Committee to take into Consideration the situation of Masonry in General, &c., as per Resolution of the 3rd March, 1806, was further postponed.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd March, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 8, 9, 19, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 93, 102 and 103 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and of the different Meetings had since that Time, were read.

A Petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge alternately in the Township of Wysox and in the Township of Orwell, in the County of Luzerne in Pennsylvania, to be called *Union Lodge*, and that Bro^r. Oratio Grant, might be named Master ; Bro^r. Amos Mix, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Ebenezer Tuttle, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being recommended by Lodge N^o. 70, held at Tioga Point, Luzerne County, and which recommendation being agreeably to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the said Lodge be Numbered 108.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 3^d September last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicated the Expulsions of D—— M^eN——, by Lodge N^o. 321, in the 2nd Battalion of the 91st Regiment ; J—— R—— and D—— W——, by N^o. 252, in the 23^d Regiment of Foot ; H—— A——, by N^o. 296, Manchester.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicated the Expulsion of J—— G——, late of S^t. George's Lodge N^o. 19, held at Maugerville, New Brunswick, for Non Payment of Dues.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to 27 Dec^r. last.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members to 27th December last, Containing the Suspensions of P—— S——, J—— N. D'A——, G—— K. H——, S—— S. S——, W—— M——, T—— H——, W—— F——, for Non Payment of Dues. Account of the Grand Lodge Dues to the same Time. Also, a Communication from said Lodge

informing of the full re-instatement of Bro^m. W^m. Fothergill and John De Bree, who had been before suspended for Non-payment of Dues.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Abingdon, Montgomery County. Election Return of December, returning Bro^r. Lewis Wernwag, W. M.; Bro^r. Edward Gilfillan, S. W.; Bro^r. John H. Worrell, J. W.; Bro^r. John Worrell, jun^r. Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Thomas, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 105, held at Zanesville and Springfield, Ohio. A Letter from said Lodge, dated 5th February, acknowledging the Receipt of the Jewells presented them by the Grand Lodge and returning their sincere and hearty Thanks to the Grand Lodge for the same. Election Return of December, returning Bro^r. William Smyth, W. M.; Bro^r. Levy Whipple, S. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Converse, J. W.; Bro^r. W. Raynolds, Secretary; Bro^r. Isaac Van Horn, Treasurer. Return of Members to December.

The Committee on the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 105, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

“The Committee appointed by the R. W. Grand Lodge to
“examine the Bye Laws of Lodge of Amity, N^o. 105, Respect-
“fully beg leave to Report, That they have duly examined
“the same and recommended the following Alterations.

“In the 1st Section of the 5th Article, after the words ‘Stated
“Meeting’ to add, ‘*he shall stand propos’d One Month.*’

“In the 2nd Section of the 5th Article, to strike out the
“whole of the Two last lines.

“With the alterations as above stated, your Committee
“recommend to the R. W. Grand Lodge, to Approve of the
“Bye Laws of N^o. 105. March 2nd, 1807.

(Sign’d)

“FRED WOLBERT.

“ROB^r. PULLEN.

“ROBERT POALK.”

Which said Report was Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion made and Seconded, the said Report was taken up for Consideration and read a Second Time.

On the question being taken on adding the said words, *he shall stand proposed One Month* in the said First Section it was carried.

The said Section as Amended then read as follows, "Every Candidate for Admission previous to recommendation, must produce the receipt of the Treasurer of the Lodge of which he was last a Member for all Lodge Dues, or other satisfactory proof, and must be proposed and Seconded by Master Masons at a Stated Meeting, he shall stand proposed One Month, after which he may be Ballotted for.

The Question being taken on the said Section as amended, the same was carried.

On the question being taken on the striking out the whole of the Two last Lines of the Second Section of the Fifth Article, being in the following words, to wit: "except in "Cases of Emergencies, at which Time he shall be ballotted "for if the Candidate be in waiting," it was carried.

The said Section, as amended, then read as follows, to wit: "Every Candidate for Initiation must possess the requisites "specified in the Book of Constitution, (which must be ascer- "tained by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose,) "and must be recommended and Seconded by Master Masons "at Stated Meeting, and shall stand recommended One Moon."

The Question being taken on the said Section as amended, it was carried.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on divers Communications from Grand Lodges referred to them, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and "Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred "sundry Communications from the following Grand Lodges, "to wit: the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of "Ireland; the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, the Grand "Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Grand Lodge of New Hamp- "shire, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Grand Lodge "of New Jersey, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the Grand "Lodge of Virginia, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the

“Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, Beg leave to report, That they have considered all those Communications with all due attention, and find that the Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodge of England, of March 7th, June 7th, September 5th and December 27th, 1804, of March 6th, June 5th and September 4th, 1805, and of March 5th, 1806, contain only the usual Communications of rejections and Expulsions, also, Lists of the Grand Officers; That none of those Lists mention Grand Deacons, and that a Provincial Grand Lodge was installed at Barbadoes on the 27th Day of December, 1804.

“The Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ireland, contain the same as above, the Accounts of the Grand Lodge and with the Female Orphan School. A paper printed May, 1804, and addressed to the Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland is declared to be a false, Malicious and scandalous libel. They are dated April 27th and September 12, 1804.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, is of June 12, 1805, and contains only as above, and the List of Lodges, Fourteen in Number.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of December 27, 1804, contains only as above.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of July 8th, 1805, and June 5th, 1806, contain as above a List of Lodges, Seventeen in Number, the Report of the Grand Lecturer, and the Grand Lodge is incorporated for Twenty Years.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of March 10th, 1805, and December 27th, 1805, contain as above. There are Eighty One Lodges; the Numbers are abolished. There is a resolution to apply for an Act of Incorporation, so far as to enable the Grand Officers and their Successors to hold Real Estate sufficient whereon to erect a Hall. The Officers re-elected are only re-invested, the Grand Officers are proclaimed by the Grand Marshal. There are District Deputies, and Bro^r Benjamin Gleason is appointed Grand Lecturer.

“ The Communication from New Jersey of May 16, 1805, contains the usual Returns as before. There are Eighteen Lodges. A Motion was made to open a R. A. Chapter ; the Committee Reported against it, and liberty was given to a sufficient Number of Brethren of that Degree to Congregate and open a Chapter, giving due Notice thereof, and having the permission from the R. W. Grand Master.

“ The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of May 14th and November 12th, 1804, of May 13th and November 11th, 1805, and of May 12th, 1806, contain the usual Returns, lists of Grand Officers. There are District Inspectors, appointed to superintend the mode of working and see that the Ancient Land Marks are strictly adhered to, and to report yearly. Their Committee have Reported that they are of Opinion that the expence attending the building of a Masonic Hall, including a Lot, will not cost less than 10,000 Dollars, it being necessary to have a *Masonic Hall that will be an Honour to the Fraternity and an Ornament to the City.* The District Deputies and Inspectors for Baltimore and Arundal County have reported, congratulating the G. Lodge that the Ancient Usages and Land Marks of our venerable Order have been in every instance strictly adhered to. The Legislature have passed an Act Authorizing the drawing of a Lottery to defray the expences of building a Masonic Hall, and the Ground that may be purchased for the purpose aforesaid, together with the buildings and Improvements that may be erected thereon shall, and the same is thereby Vested in the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to be by them held as property is now held and enjoyed by any Corporate Body within the State. Their Committee on the Circular Letter from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, dated April 23^d, 1806, have reported the following Resolutions :

“ 1st. That this Grand Lodge will appoint Three Delegates to represent them in a Convention to be held in the City of Washington, on the 15th Day of January, 1808.

“ 2nd. That the said Delegates be empowered to Act upon all and every matter relative to the Craft, for and in behalf

“ of this Grand Lodge as soon as Two Thirds of the Grand
“ Lodge in the United States are represented in the said Con-
“ vention.

“ 3rd. That the proceedings of the said Convention shall not
“ be obligatory or carried into effect until ratified and ap-
“ proved by at least Two Thirds of the Grand Lodges in the
“ United States.

“ 4th. Resolved, that the said Convention be Authorized to
“ establish a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, if Two Thirds of the
“ Lodges shall be represented by Royal Arch Masons and not
“ otherwise.

“ 5th. That the Grand Secretary shall communicate the
“ above resolutions of the Grand Lodge to all the Grand
“ Lodges in the United States.

“ The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia,
“ of April 13, 1805, and March 31st 1806, contain the usual
“ Returns, List of Grand Officers, &c. There is a Resolution
“ *That it is highly inexpedient and dangerous to apply to the*
“ *Legislature for any Act of incorporation of the Grand Lodge, or*
“ *of any Officers and Members thereof, either for general or special*
“ *purposes.*

“ The Communications from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky,
“ of September 29, 1804, and March 19, 1805, contain the
“ usual Returns, lists of Grand Officers, and of Lodges, Nine in
“ Number.

“ There is a Resolution that it is their decided Opinion that
“ *incorporation is unnecessary and would be dangerous to the ex-*
“ *istence and prosperity of Masonry.* The Grand Lodge has been
“ opened and proceeded to business when there *were only Three*
“ *Lodges represented.*

“ The Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Caro-
“ lina and Tennessee of 1804, 1805, and of April 23, 1806,
“ contain the usual returns, lists of Grand Officers and of
“ Lodges, Forty Seven in Number. The Grand Lodge adjourn
“ sine die and are notified by an Order from the Grand Master
“ to meet when he pleases to direct. There is a Circular *pro-*
“ *posing a Grand Convention to meet on the 15th of January,*
“ *1808, at the City of Washington, for the purpose of Organizing*
“ *a Superintendent Grand Lodge.*

“Your Committee beg leave respectfully to submit to the R. W. Grand Lodge, that of all the foregoing Communications, there are only very few that come within the duties of their Appointment. That all Communications containing nothing more than the usual returns of Grand Officers, Lists of Lodges, Expulsions, rejections, &c., should be noticed in the Minutes of the Day they are presented, the necessary Entries made, and the receiving thereof acknowledged by the Grand Secretary.

“That the R. W. Grand Lodge have already at several times expressed to all the Grand Lodges in the United States their unalterable Opinion concerning the Inexpediency of a superintendent Grand Lodge, and that some time ago the R. W. Grand Lodge were pleased to direct the Committee of Correspondence to write to all the Grand Lodges aforesaid, agreeably to the Report made by Your Committee on the above subject, which if not already done, should be done without delay. Philadelphia, February 2nd, 5807.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“THO^s HENNESSY.

“SAM^L F. BRADFORD.”

Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That this Grand Lodge persist in their Resolution of the 7th March, 1803, “That the establishment of a Supreme Superintending Grand Lodge in the United States is inexpedient and impracticable, but that a Convention of Deputies from the several Grand Lodges for the purpose of forming a more intimate union and establishing a Regular and permanent intercourse betwixt the said Grand Lodges and considering other interesting matters, would be conducive to the Advancement and respectability of the Ancient Craft.” And that the Committee of Correspondence be directed to transmit a Copy thereof to each Grand Lodge within the United States.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence also inform the said Grand Lodges, that this Grand Lodge will appoint Deputies to meet the Deputies from the other Grand Lodges in a Convention to be

held for the aforesaid purpose in the City of Philadelphia, on the First Monday in May, 1808.

The Committee appointed on the Letters of Geo. Green, containing Complaints against Bro^r. J—— T—— of N^o. 71, also respecting his Certificate said to be from the Grand Lodge of England made Report, which was read.

The R. W. Grand Master thereupon produced an anonymous Letter, under the Signature A. B., directed to him and by him received this Day, on the subject of the said George Green's complaint, which was read.

And thereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Report be re-committed, together with the said anonymous Letter, to the said Committee consisting of Bro^m. Kinnan, Pullen and Rayner, and that the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Bro^r. Robert M^cCullagh be added to the said Committee, and that they make enquirey into the premisses and Report.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the First Monday in April next at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th April, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. G. W., in the Chair.
- “ John O'Brien, R. W. S. G. Warden, Pro Temp.
- “ Robert De Silver, R. W. J. G. Warden, Pro Temp.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- “ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.
- “ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.
- “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 59, 67, 65, 70, 71, 72, 77, 88, 91, 100, and 108 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ancient form.

The Minutes of the 2nd Ultimo were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 19th January and 16th March last, were read and approved. It appeared by the said Minutes that the said Committee had granted the following Sums, to wit :

19 th Jan ^r . to Bro ^r . Samuel M ^c Clung of N ^o . 81,	\$20.
to the Widow of the late Bro ^r . Walter, Corry, late Grand Pursuivant,	10.
16 th March, to the Widow of the late Bro ^r . Richard Budden, late Member of N ^o . 50,	10.
to the Widow of the late Bro ^r . Samuel M. Fraunces, late Member of N ^o . 19,	10.
to the Widow of the late Bro ^r . Bray, late of S ^t John's Lodge, New York,	10.
	<hr/> \$60.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence be directed to write a Letter to the late and present Worshipful Masters and Worthy Brethren of Lodge N^o. 103, Le Temple des Vertus Theologales expressive of the high Sense the R. W. Grand Lodge entertain of their truly Masonic Conduct in the unfortunate event lately happened to the said Lodge, and to assure them that all the Members of the R. W. G. Lodge most sincerely sympathize in the distress they must have experienced on the occasion, &c.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of 8th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this G. Lodge.

The Petition of R—— B—— respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 3, was read and referr'd to Bro^m. Lambert Smyth, Samuel B. Ellis, Ezekiel Taylor, John Sweeny and William L. Sonntag, to examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from J—— H—— respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 3, was read and referr'd to the Committee on R—— B——, Petition to examine and Report thereon.

The following Resolutions were offered by Bro^r. Passmore, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

“Whereas it has been found from experience that the Masonic Hall, (the property of the Grand Lodge,) has not, nor cannot be made to afford those Accomodations suitable to Dignity of the R. W. G. Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania. And, Whereas, from the great increase of Members to the Masonic institutions of this City, who hold their Meetings in the Hall belonging to this Grand Lodge, the accomodations have proved quite insufficient.

Therefore be it Resolved, that a Committee be appointed with full powers, to sell to the best Advantage the Masonic Hall, the property of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and that the Trustees holding said Property be directed to make a transfer of the same, to such person or persons, as said Committee shall direct.

And be it further Resolved, that the above named Committee be directed to ascertain if a suitable Lot of Ground, (either on Ground Rent or purchase,) can be had in a central part of the City for the purpose of erecting an elegant Masonic Hall, suitable to the Dignity of the R. W. G. Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.”

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge Adjourn, they Adjourn to the First Monday in May next at Five o'clock in the Afternoon, for the special purpose of taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee on the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and that special Notices be sent to the Members by the Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, p. m. to the First Monday in May next at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th May, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Frederick Erringer, R. W. Junior Grand Warden,
P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Charles Cummens, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ George Alcorn, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91 and 103 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the 6th Ultimo, as relates to the Adjournment of the Grand Lodge to this Day was read, whereby it appeared that the present Meeting was for the special purpose of taking into consideration the Report of the Committee on the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

A Recommendation of Bro^r. Joseph P. Minnick, in favour of M^{rs}. Ann Griffin, Widow of the late Bro^r. Patrick Griffin, deceased, who was a Member of the late Lodge N^o. 25, lately held at Bristol, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

So much of the Minutes of the 2nd February last, as relates to the Report of the Committee on the Regulations of the Grand Lodge was read.

The Consideration of the said Report was resumed.

The First Article, being as follows, “Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters are forever ex officio Members of the “Grand Lodge,” being under Consideration.

On the Question being taken, the same was Adopted.

The Second Article being as follows, “Such Brethren as “shall have been duly elected, and have served Wardens of a “regular Lodge, whereby they have been Members of the “Grand Lodge, shall after passing the Chair by Dispensation,

“be entitled to a seat and Vote in the Grand Lodge,” being under Consideration.

On the Question being taken, the same was Negatived.

The Third Article, being as follows, “All regular Past Masters may be appointed Proxies to represent a Lodge or Lodges,” being under Consideration.

It was Moved and Seconded to strike out the words “or Lodges.”

On the Question being taken it was carried, and the said words were stricken out.

The Question was then taken on the Adoption of the remainder of the said Article, and the same was Negatived.

The Fourth Article, being as follows, “The Grand Secretary shall keep a Book to enter the rough Minutes of each Grand Lodge, and they shall be read before the closing of the Communication, that the Brethren may have an Opportunity to correct mistakes, rectify omissions, &c. He shall appoint a Deputy, subject to the approbation of the Grand Lodge. All Monies paid in Open Grand Lodge, or forwarded with any Communication from Subordinate Lodges, or otherwise received, shall be entered in the Minutes of each Communication, and immediately paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, who shall always attend himself, or by a Deputy for that purpose. He shall within Days after each Communication, furnish the first named Brother on every Committee, with a Copy of the Minutes and the papers respecting the business of such Committee, for which he shall take a Receipt. At the expiration of each Year, he shall be allowed, besides the Fees mentioned in the regulations, such further sum as shall be deemed necessary for stationery or otherwise,” being under Consideration.

The Question being taken on that part of the said Article which reads thus, “The Grand Secretary shall keep a Book to enter the rough minutes of each Grand Lodge, and they shall be read before the closing of the Communication, that the Brethren may have an Opportunity to correct mistakes, rectify omissions, &c.,” the same was adopted.

The Question being taken on that part of the same Article

which reads thus, "He shall appoint a Deputy, subject to "the approbation of the Grand Lodge," the same was Negatived.

The Question being taken on that part of the said Article which reads thus, "All Monies paid in open Grand Lodge, "or forwarded with any Communication from Subordinate "Lodges, or otherwise received, shall be entered in the "Minutes of each Communication, and immediately paid "into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, who shall always "attend himself, or by a Deputy for that purpose," the same "was Negatived, and in lieu thereof the following was "Adopted, to wit: The Grand Secretary shall at each "Quarterly Communication make a Report in writing of "all the Monies he shall have received and paid over to the "Grand Treasurer in the recess, which Report shall be "entered on the Minutes."

The Question being taken on that part of the said Article which reads thus, "He shall within Days after each Com- "munication, furnish the first named Brother on every "Committee, with a Copy of the Minutes and the papers re- "specting the business of such Committee, for which he "shall take a Receipt," the same was Adopted and the blank filled in with "Twenty."

The Question being on the remaining part of the said Article, being in the following words, "At the expiration of each "Year, he shall be allowed besides the Fees mentioned in "the Regulations, such further sum as shall be deemed "necessary for stationery or otherwise," the same was Negatived.

The Fifth Article, being in the words following, to wit: "The Grand Treasurer before he enters in the Duties of his "Office, shall give a joint Bond with One or Two of the "Brethren, approved by the Grand Lodge, to the Grand "Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, for the "Time being, in the Penalty of for the due performance "of his Trust. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and "Grand Wardens for the Time being, to whom the Grand "Treasurer gives Security, shall enforce every Order of the

“Grand Lodge with respect to its Fund. The Grand Treasurer shall always be present, and to him shall be committed and paid all Monies received for the General, Charity, or for any other use of the Society, for which he shall give his Receipt, and of which he shall keep an Account in a Book, specifying the respective uses, for which the several sums are intended; and shall expend or disburse the same by an Order signed by the R. W. Grand Master or his Deputy, by a Resolution of the Grand Lodge, certified by the Grand Secretary, or by an Order of the Committee of Charity, and not otherwise, except the Tyler’s Bills, which he shall pay when certified by the Grand Secretary. His Account shall be Audited and reported on, at least Once a Year,” being under Consideration.

The Question being taken on the First part of the said Article, which reads thus, “The Grand Treasurer before he enters in the Duties of his Office, shall give a joint Bond with One or Two of the Brethren, approved by the Grand Lodge, to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, for the Time being, in the Penalty of for the due performance of his Trust,” the same was Adopted and the blank filled in with “Two Thousand Dollars.”

The Question being taken on the Second part of the said Article, which reads thus, “The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens for the Time being, to whom the Grand Treasurer gives Security, shall enforce every Order of the Grand Lodge with respect to its Fund,” the same was Adopted.

The Question being taken on the Third part of the said Article, which reads thus, “The Grand Treasurer shall always be present, and to him shall be committed and paid all Monies raised for the General, Charity, or for any other Use of the Society, for which he shall give his Receipt, and of which he shall keep an Account in a Book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall expend or disburse the same by an Order signed by the R. W. Grand Master or his Deputy, by a Resolution of the Grand Lodge, certified by the

“Grand Secretary, or by an Order of the Committee of Charity, and not otherwise, except the Tyler’s Bills, which he shall pay when certified by the Grand Secretary,” the words “The Grand Treasurer shall always be present and” were stricken out, the remainder was Adopted.

The Question being taken on the Last part of the said Article, which reads thus, “His Account shall be audited and reported on at least once a Year,” the same was Adopted.

The Sixth Article, being as follows, “No Visitors shall be admitted after 7 o’clock from the September Equinox to March Equinox and after 8 o’clock, from March to September Equinox. None shall be Admitted unless Vouched for by at least Two Members of the Grand Lodge. No Visitors shall be admitted on the Election Night,” being under Consideration. On the Question being taken, the same was adopted.

The Seventh Article, being in the words following, to wit: “Subordinate Lodges shall have the liberty of electing their Officers once a Year, provided, such election takes place at their stated Meeting, preceding S^t John the Evangelist’s Day; and no Brother shall be elected Worshipful Master, unless he has served as a Warden of the said Lodge, or has been Master of some Lodge before. They shall in the Return of their Members, mention their respective professions or business, Age and place of residence. The List of Subordinate Lodges shall not be printed, unless by an Order of the Grand Lodge,” being under Consideration.

The Question being taken on the First part of the said Article, which reads thus, “Subordinate Lodges shall have the liberty of electing their Officers once a Year, provided, such Election takes place at their Stated Meeting, preceding S^t John the Evangelist’s Day,” the same was Negatived.

The Question being taken on the Second part of the said Article, which reads thus, “No Brother shall be elected Worshipful Master, unless he has served as a Warden of the said Lodge, or has been Master of some Lodge before,” the same was Adopted.

The Question being taken on the Third part of the said Article, which reads thus, "They shall in the Return of their Members, mention their respective professions or business, age and place of residence," the same was Adopted.

The Question being taken on the Last part of the said Article, which reads thus, "The List of Subordinate Lodges shall not be printed, unless by an Order of the Grand Lodge," the same was Negatived.

The Eighth Article, being as follows, "No Expulsion shall be valid and Confirmed in Grand Lodge, until it shall appear that the Lodge who shall have Expelled the Brother, have given him due Notice of his Expulsion, that he may have an Opportunity to make his Appeal. The reason for each Expulsion shall be mentioned in the Return," being under Consideration. On the Question being taken, the same was adopted.

The Ninth Article, being as follows, "At the Expiration of every Year, a Committee shall be appointed to examine the transactions of the said Year, who shall select what shall to them appear material therein, and direct the same to be printed, together with a List of the Grand Officers for the ensuing Year, to be forwarded to the Grand Lodges in communion with the Grand Lodge, and to the Lodges under our Jurisdiction," being under Consideration. On the Question being taken, the same was Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee who Reported said Alterations and Additions to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, correct the Phraseology of the foregoing Alterations and Additions now Adopted, and that they have 500 Copies of the same Printed.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Hall Committee be requested to purchase Six Patent Lamps and that they have them fixed in the Hall.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st June, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.
 Senior and Junior Grand Deacons, R. Pullen &

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 52, 67, 65, 59, 70, 71, 72, 84, 91, 98 and 100 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Adjourned Communications had since that Time were read.

The Minutes of the Standing Committee of Charity of the 18th May, were read and Approved. It appeared by said Minutes that the said Committee had granted the following sums, to wit :

to the Widow of the late Bro ^r . Patrick Griffin, dec ^d .	\$10.
to Bro ^r . John Loehman.	5.
to Bro ^r . Owen O'Neill, late of N ^o . 19, New York.	10.
Total	\$25.

The Grand Secretary Reported that since the 4th May last, he had received the following sums of Money for Account of the Grand Lodge, Viz :

For Certificates,	\$10.38
For Dispensations,	20.
Total,	\$30.38

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of R—
 B—, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 3, was read.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicated that the Warrant N^o. 53, Liverpool, had been withdrawn for unmasonic Conduct.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of 10th November last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicated the rejection of G—— W. K——, by Washington Lodge N^o. 3, and the Suspension of J—— N. C——, by N^o. 41.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of 1st March last, were read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of the 6th October last, accompanied by a Copy of the Regulations of said Grand Lodge, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from Lodge N^o. 3, of 23^d March last, of the re-instatement of John Baker, Esq^r. who had been expelled for Non-payment of Dues was read.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 11, held at Chatham, Chester County. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to 27th December last.

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members up to 27th Decem^r. last. Certificate of G—— G—— S——, of his Membership of Trinity Lodge N^o. 10, New York ; said S—— having made application to Lodge N^o. 19, to become a Member, and having been rejected in October last, the said Lodge retained his said Certificate and transmitted the same to this Grand Lodge.

Lodge N^o. 60, held at Brownsville. Return of Members up to 27th Decem^r. last, containing the Rejection of E—— C—— and S—— F——, and the Expulsions of S—— H—— for Non payment of Dues, and N—— B—— for Misconduct. Account of their Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 62, held at Reading. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. William Bell, W. M.; Bro^r. William

Witman, jun^r. S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Hiester, jun^r. J. W.; Bro^r. George K. Nutz, Secretary; Bro^r. Frederick Heller, Treasurer. Return of Members up to June, 1784, containing the rejection of J—— H——, V—— S——, M—— R——, P—— G——, L—— C——, C—— B——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to 27th December, 1803.

Bro^r. Baker stated that Bro^r. Bell, W. M. of Lodge N^o. 62, had at the Time of handing him the Return of said Lodge, observed, that a Number of Brethren had been continued on their List of Members from whom they had not received any Lodge Dues for some Years, some being Poor, others having become Insolvent, others having removed, &c., as for List endorsed on the Account of Grand Lodge Dues now rendered, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to exonerate Lodge N^o. 62, from the payment of the Grand Lodge Dues of said Brethren, and that he had promised that a settlement being now had with the Grand Lodge, Lodge N^o. 62 would henceforth be more punctual in making their Returns and discharging their Grand Lodge Dues. And Bro^r. Baker also mentioned that Bro^r. Bell had paid \$100 to the Grand Treasurer, on Account, on the 2nd Ultimo. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Bro^{rs}. Cummens, Taylor and Passmore were appointed a Committee to examine into the Premises and Report.

A Letter from Bro^r. Marks John Biddle, late W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 62, was read; it enclosed a Certificate from Lodge N^o. 27, held at Rockingham, Virginia, of the Membership of P—— A——, dated 3^d June, 1797. Said A—— was communicated by the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1802, as Expelled. He removed to Reading last Year, and upon his making application to Lodge N^o. 62, to become a Member and producing said Certificate, the Lodge retained the same for the purpose of forwarding it to this Grand Lodge. On Consideration, Ordered, that Bro^r. Grand Secretary transmit the said Certificate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Expulsion of J—— A——.

Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the restoration of Robert Palethorpe.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Expulsion of Bro^r. T——, for unmasonic Conduct.

Lodge N^o. 100, held at Catawissa. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Jacob Heatherling, W. M.; Bro^r. Hezekiah Boone, S. W.; Bro^r. Theophilus Hughes, J. W.; Bro^r. Gabriel Lount, Secretary; Bro^r. Stacy Margerum, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 104, held at Strasburg Township, Lancaster C^o. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Joseph Lefever, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Nathaniel Watson, S. W.; Bro^r. Nathaniel W. Sampel, J. W.; Bro^r. John Carpenter, Secretary; Bro^r. Henry Carpenter, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 107, held at Kaskaskia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. James Edgar, W. M.; Bro^r. Michael Jones, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Henry, J. W.; Bro^r. William Arundel, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Robinson, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge; referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Bro^r. Gardette, Proxy of Lodge N^o. 93, held at New Orleans, read an extract of a Letter to him from said Lodge on the subject of establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge at said City. Whereupon, the following Resolution was offered, to wit:

Whereas, Lodge N^o. 93, at New Orleans, have through their Proxy suggested for the Consideration of the Grand Lodge, the propriety of establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge for the City and the adjacent Territory. Resolved, that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of considering the Subject, and that they Report at the next meeting, which said Resolution was adopted and Bro^r. Lewis, Poalk and Pullen were appointed a Committee for said purpose.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that during the last Winter he had performed his Official Duty of Visiting all the Lodges in the City, attended by the other Grand Officers to whom the same Duty appertains, and a Committee from the M. H. G. R. A. Chapter; that a great Degree of uniformity in the work of the Craft exists in the several Lodges, some of whom have manifested a laudable desire of improvement by the establish-

ment of Lecturing Lodges ; that an increase in the Number of Members is observable in many of the Lodges, though a few are in this respect on the decline ; that the Minutes of each were previous to the Visitation submitted to the inspection of the Grand Secretary, who with much satisfaction to the R. W. Grand Master carefully examined the same and made a written Report, noticing with frankness and moderation such errors as appeared, and applauding such of their transactions as deserved eulogium and praise ; that these Reports were for the benefit of the brethren, read upon the Evening of Visitation, and were uniformly attended to with expressions of gratitude and promises of amendment wherever faults were pointed out ; that on each visitation an address was delivered from the Chair, calling the attention of the Members to such points of Duty as were deemed most essential, and warning them against such practices as were believed to be derogatory to the Dignity or inconsistent with the good of the Craft ; that these Communications were received in every Lodge with the warmest Cordiality, and the reception of the Grand Officers was in every instance, such as to evince a strong sense of Duty and Respect to this R. W. Grand Lodge and to impress the minds of the Grand Officers with lively emotions of gratitude for the kindness and Affection personally shewn them ; that upon the whole it is the Opinion of the Grand Officers, Masonry is in this City in a state of progressive improvement.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to furnish a Copy of the Address recently communicated to the different Lodges in this City, and that 300 Copies of the same be printed and distributed to the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to the First Monday in July next at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Wednesday, 24th June, 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, in the Chair.

- “ Thomas Town, R. W. S. Grand Warden, P. T.
- “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ William L. Sonntag, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Philip Boyle, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 59, 65, 67, 70 and 71 represented.

Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ancient Form.

A Note from the R. W. Grand Master to the Grand Secretary was read, and is in the words following: “ Dear Sir, The situation of my business in the *Two* Courts now sitting, makes it absolutely impossible for me to be absent from it this morning to attend the Grand Lodge. I inform you of the circumstance in order that the business of the Day may not be retarded under an expectation of my being with you.”

“ I am, &c., (Sign'd) “ J. MILNOR.”

The Returns of the Lodges being called for, the following Returns, &c., were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Peter Grant, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Thomas Desilver, S. W.; Bro^r. William M^cGuere, J. W.; Bro^r. John Phillips, Secretary; Bro^r. Robert Pullen, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Daniel M^cKaraher, W. M.; Bro^r. William Wray, S. W.; Bro^r. William Huckel, J. W.; Bro^r. James Wilkins, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, W. M.; Bro^r. William Page,

S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Page, J. W.; Bro^r. Andrew M. Prevost, Secretary; Bro^r. William J. Bell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 80, held in Sadsbury Township, Chester C^o. Election Return of December, 1806, returning Bro^r. Andrew Charles, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Moyars, S. W.; Bro^r. Moore M^c. Cloy, J. W.; Bro^r. John Clark, Secretary; Bro^r. Solomon Greer, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the rejection of E—— B——, H—— R—— and A—— T——, and the Expulsions of J—— H——, J—— D——, J—— M^cG——, W—— B——, W—— D——, for Non payment of Dues; H—— K——, for Imposing; J—— R——, J—— M^cC——, for Misconduct; H—— M——, for Wronging the Lodge, and Bro^r. C—— O—— H——, for stealing the Seal of the Lodge. Account of Grand Lodge Dues from 24th June, 1804, to 27th December last. And also communicating an alteration in the Hour of Meeting, the Lodge to open at 12 o'clock, A. M., and close at 5 o'clock.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Joppa, Montgomery County. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o. 106, held at Williamsport. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Hepburn, W. M.: Bro^r. Samuel Coleman, S. W.; Bro^r. James Cummings, J. W.; Bro^r. James Steuart, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Coleman, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of G. L. Dues. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge which were referr'd to the Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

The Minutes were read, and Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th July, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. FREDERICK WOLBERT, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

- Bro^r. Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert Grant, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 “ Thomas Rayer, Senior Grand Deacon.
 “ Samuel B. Ellis, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 59, 70, 71 and 91 represented.

Eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of S^t. John's Day last, were read.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Committee appointed on the 1st Ultimo on the Account of Lodge No^a. 62, be continued and Bro^r. Grand Secretary inform Lodge No^a. 62, of the Appointment of said Committee, and desire them to forward their Returns up to S^t. John's Day in December last.

The Grand Secretary Communicated, that in compliance with the Resolution of the 1st Ultimo, respectfully requesting the R. W. Grand Master to furnish a Copy of the Address recently delivered by him to the different Lodges in this City, for the purpose of having 300 Copies of the same printed to be distributed to the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction, the R. W. Grand Master had been pleased to furnish a Copy of the said Address, and that 300 Copies of the same had been printed and were ready to be distributed agreeably to the said Resolution.

The said Address is in the words following, to wit :

“ Worshipful Master and Brethren,

“ As the representative of that dignified body to which
 “ you owe your existence as a Lodge of Masons, we come to
 “ pay you our Annual and Fraternal Salutations. We are
 “ not more strongly prompted to the performance of this ser-
 “ vice, by the duty we owe to the R. W. Grand Lodge in the
 “ various Offices we fill, than by our own inclinations ; for to

“ persons interested, as we are, in the prosperity of the Craft,
“ what can be more gratifying than to pursue and survey its
“ varied operations in the several departments of the Institu-
“ tion, from the unskilful, but well intended exertions of the
“ diffident Apprentice, to the maturer efforts of the industrious
“ Fellow Craft, from thence, to the sublimer performances of
“ the expert Master Workman, and finally, to that perfect
“ conclusion of the whole system to be found in the exalted
“ degree of our order represented here, by the deputation with
“ which I am honoured, from our most Holy Grand Royal
“ Arch Chapter.

“ What can be more gratifying than these things? Noth-
“ ing my Brethren, if we have the pleasure to see you severally
“ engaged with zeal and alacrity, fulfilling the obligations of
“ your several stations, to your own honor, and the advantage
“ of the Institution which has adopted you as its members. I
“ say fulfilling the duties of your different stations, for per-
“ haps, no error is more common in our Society, than the pro-
“ motion of Brethren to the highest honours of the Lodge, be-
“ fore they have acquired that superior knowledge of the work
“ of the Craft, which, connected with the merit of a good per-
“ sonal character for sobriety, integrity and industry, both in
“ and out of the Lodge, ought alone to entitle any Brother to
“ expect them. It becomes me to say, that I forcibly feel in
“ my own person the force of this observation. Raised by the
“ favour of my Brethren to this high station, without the
“ years, experience, or leisure to acquire knowledge, which
“ would give it dignity, and weight, and usefulness, while I
“ look back with veneration and respect to my aged and
“ honoured predecessors, I look forward almost with despond-
“ ency. Yet I have the satisfaction to believe that the same
“ kindness which has prematurely thrown upon me the re-
“ sponsibility of a situation so far above my merits, will like-
“ wise aid me in the discharge of its arduous duties. Thus
“ assisted, my administration may be rendered not wholly
“ useless ; without such support, little would be my dependence
“ on any labours of my own. And let me press it upon you,
“ as applicable to my case, as well as others, that whenever the

“ choice of the body for any particular Office has fallen upon
“ a Brother, who has modesty enough to feel his own insuffic-
“ iency, let his difficulties be lessened by the earnest and
“ ingenious co-operation and aid of all who have contributed
“ to his advancement.

“ To prize as we ought the importance of these stations, we
“ must have proper conceptions of the dignity and excellence
“ of the institution itself. And what institution can be more
“ dignified than one which travels not back a few centuries for
“ the commencement of its existence, but whose origin is lost
“ in the remotest antiquity, which has extended its ramifica-
“ tions into every part of the Civilized world, and has boasted
“ as its patrons, the wisest statesmen, the bravest heroes, and
“ the most generous benefactors of the human race, from our
“ ancient Grand Master Solomon, down to America’s best
“ friend, our beloved and lamented Washington? What insti-
“ tution can be more excellent than one which inculcates piety
“ towards God, love towards man, morality and justice in all
“ our actions, and kindness and charity towards those of our
“ fellow creatures from whom fortune has withdrawn her
“ smiles, and who without our support, would be compelled
“ still to wander on the barren wilds of adversity and want?

“ But I am not now, Brethren, to pronounce the eulogy of
“ our order. Your feelings anticipate all my praises, and I
“ fear that my feeble voice would diminish rather than exalt
“ its worth.

“ Let me therefore decline the attempt, and assume the
“ humble task of adverting for a few moments, to some par-
“ ticulars, which my Official duty calls upon me to notice.

“ I have glanced at the important object of care in the
“ judicious selection of the Officers of the Lodge. I must now
“ urge as no less important, the exercise of great caution in
“ the admission of new Members. How has the Craft been
“ disgraced by inattention in this particular in some of our
“ Lodges? Have they been so unfortunate as to introduce
“ amongst themselves a man of passion and resentment? how
“ quickly have his unbridled feelings involved the Lodge in
“ turmoil and confusion. Is a man dishonest in his princi-

“ples, and unjust in his dealings? He degrades the institu-
 “tion in the eyes of the world to his own level, and practices
 “his dishonesty and injustice upon his unsuspecting Brethren.
 “Is he intemperate in his habits? The social and moderate
 “refreshment which we allow, when the labors of the Lodge
 “are compleated, he perverts to the injury of his constitution,
 “the bad example of others, the disgust of all sober Brethren,
 “and the degradation of the Craft. Is he a reviler of that
 “Holy Religion on which we depend for all our sanctions in
 “the Lodge below, and our hopes of an entrance into the
 “Lodge above the skies? Where then is your security for his
 “faithfulness, and what will be said of the pretensions of a
 “Society of such men, to the character which ours boasts, of
 “being founded on the corner stone of religion?

“My Brethren, while we disclaim rank and fortune as
 “criteria of admission to our mysteries, let us tyle our doors
 “with the utmost sedulousness against unworthy candidates,
 “and let us rather for the general good offend a weak Brother,
 “whose mistaken partiality induces him to recommend such
 “characters, than by a contrary course, destroy the beauty of
 “the Lodge.

“A careful preservation of the funds of the Lodge by avoid-
 “ing unnecessary expenditures, and devoting them to the
 “proper objects of the institution, a punctual discharge of the
 “dues on the part of each Member, so that the Lodge may
 “also be enabled to satisfy without delay the claims of the
 “Grand Lodge, the keeping of fair and accurate minutes of
 “your transactions, and making regular semi-annual returns
 “to the Superior Body, are duties of so obvious a nature, and
 “have been in general so well attended to, that I barely men-
 “tion them.

“I trust that I shall not be considered as having reference
 “to this Lodge in particular, if I do not pass quite so lightly
 “over another circumstance. I mean order and decorum in
 “the Lodge. How have I seen the beauty of our work sullied
 “by a want of deference and respect to the presiding Officers,
 “by unguarded and heated expressions. by a restless change
 “of place, by continual whispers, by needlessly going out of

“and returning into Lodge, by unseasonable attendance, and
“by a want of reverence during the most awful and Solemn
“Rites. These faults are by no means universal amongst us,
“but they do exist, and I trust my respected friends who now
“hear me, (while I assure them the picture in the extent
“pourtayed is not intended for them,) will ingenuously ac-
“knowledge and amend any particular feature that may
“apply.

“Permit me without any knowledge of the practice of this
“Lodge in particular, to mention as a matter of some concern,
“a usage which has prevailed of allowing refreshment in the
“adjoining room before the business of the evening has closed.
“The almost certain consequence of this is irregularity and
“disorder, and I therefore confidently trust, that my affection-
“ate but urgent request for its total discontinuance, will not
“be taken in ill part by the Brethren, nor their compliance
“be refused.

“The general good order, harmony and social enjoyment
“that universally prevail during the proper and allotted sea-
“son of refreshment, increase the delights of our association,
“and these indulgencies are in my view innocent and useful,
“but for the purpose of rendering this pleasing sweetener of
“our labours more truly Masonic, I recommend the opening
“on these occasions of a Table Lodge, which it should be the
“duty of the Master to close at an early and seasonable hour,
“and after which no Brother should be permitted to continue
“the repast. I fear instances have existed wherein the neglect
“of the recommendation now given, has contributed to bring
“our Society under evil imputations. God forbid that so fair
“a fabric as that of Masonry, should ever become the temple
“of intemperance and excess.

“After thus complying with a sense of duty by an undi-
“guised exposure of my sentiments, in which I am happy to
“have the approbation and concurrence of all my worthy as-
“sistants in this visitation, I conclude with noticing an ob-
“ject of as great importance as can engage our attention. I
“allude to the more immediate work of the Craft. In this
“there is not a sufficient uniformity amongst the different

“Lodges, nor on the part of some Masters, a competent portion
“of correctness and skill. What is the occasion of this? Is
“it neglect and indolence on the part of those, whose exalted
“and responsible stations, should excite them to every possible
“exertion to become bright and perfect examples to, and in-
“structors of others? Not so. The truth is, one bad work-
“man will make many, and an incorrect administration of
“our solemnities copied in succession by one Master from an-
“other, affords no prospect of amendment, but on the con-
“trary, every step leads to still greater error and deterioration.
“There are few correct Lecturers among us; there is then a
“want of the means of information. This a radical evil, and
“how is it to be remedied?

“I see at present no other mode, than the establishment of
“a Grand Lecturing Lodge, composed of the Grand Officers
“and Officers, for the time being, of the several subordinate
“Lodges. This would at least promise uniformity, and I hope
“that there would be found some individuals whose superior
“talents in this important branch of Masonic science might
“be essentially serviceable to others. At all events, there
“would be a probability of concentrating in this body, and
“thence universally diffusing all the Masonic light our several
“Lodges possess. If the season should now be considered as
“too far advanced to begin this work, I recommend it to the
“attention of the Brethren, as a measure which may be
“matured so as to go into operation the ensuing Autumn.

“I have trespassed thus long upon your patience, Brethren,
“under a hope of being able to awaken your attention to some
“matters which I consider of importance. Should you differ
“from me on all or any of them, I can only say, that I have
“performed my conscientious duty in suggesting them for
“your consideration. It is your right to judge of them, and
“I pray the Supreme Grand Master to teach you and me to
“judge aright.

“Before I sit down, let me congratulate you on the general
“prosperity of the Craft, and particularly of that portion of it
“which is more immediately under the jurisdiction of the
“Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Much harmony prevails

“among the Brethren, many valuable accessions have been
 “made of such as walk worthy of their vocation, and under
 “the auspices of the Grand Architect of the Universe, we have
 “reason to hope, that the usefulness and respectability of our
 “Institution will continue to increase. May it advance in
 “Wisdom, Strength and Beauty till time itself shall merge
 “into Eternity.”

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That the respectful Thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the Copy of the very Masonic, Affectionate and highly appropriate circular Address deliver'd to the different Lodges in this City, and that a Committee be appointed to carry this Resolution into effect.

Resolved, Unanimously, That said Committee consist of Three Members, and that Bro^r. Peter Grant, W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 2, Bro^r. Robert Grant, W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 3, and Bro^r. Jacob Peterman, W. M^r. of Lodge N^o. 19, form the said Committee.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of 1st June last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Copy of Discourse delivered by Bro^r. Beede, before the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was received.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Robert Grant, W. M.; Bro^r. Richard Tybout, S. W.; Bro^r. Christopher Lindenmuth, J. W.; Bro^r. Blathwaite I. Shober, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Passmore, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Jacob Peterman, W. M.; Bro^r. John Alexander, S. W.; Bro^r. William Bright, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Elliott, Secretary; Bro^r. William T. Donaldson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Samuel B. Ellis, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Nicholas M^cHenry, S. W.; Bro^r. John Ritter, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secretary; Bro^r. John Johnston, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r Simon Chaudron, W. M.; Bro^r Louis Houard, S. W.; Bro^r Amiable Brazier, J. W.; Bro^r V. M. Garesche, Secretary; Bro^r Joseph Chauveau, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r Robert Wellford, W. M.; Bro^r Peter A. Browne, S. W.; Bro^r Alexander M^cKenzie, J. W.; Bro^r ———, Secretary; Bro^r Abraham Cohen, Treasurer.

The Report of Bro^r Joseph Kingsbery, of his having Constituted Lodge N^o 108, at Wysox, on the 3^d April last, was read.

The Committee appointed on the 1st Ultimo on the subject of establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge at New Orleans made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. We the
“Committee to whom was referred the Application of Lodge
“N^o 93, at New Orleans, presented by their Proxy, Brother
“Gardette, Soliciting the Establishment of a Provincial Grand
“Lodge at said place, Beg leave respectfully to report: that
“after due deliberation on the subject, and taking into con-
“sideration the Advantages to Masonry that may probably re-
“sult from it, Recommended to this Grand Lodge, that pro-
“ceedings in the usual form Authorizing the Establishment of
“a Provincial Grand Lodge at said place, be complied with,
“subject to such regulations as this Grand Lodge may deem
“Expedient.

(Sign'd)

“ ROBERT LEWIS.

“ ROBERT POALK.

“ ROBERT PULLEN.

“Philad^a. July 6, 1807.”

Which Report was Adopted.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of R——
B——, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o 3, read on the
1st Ultimo, was again read and is in the words following, to
wit:

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
“vania: We the Committee to whom were referred the com-

“plaint of R—— B——, from the decision of Lodge N^o 3,
 “beg leave to Report, that after having maturely considered
 “the minutes and proceedings of said Lodge, and the allega-
 “tions of the parties, We are clearly of opinion that the Vote
 “of Expulsion of said R—— B——, by Lodge N^o 3, was
 “irregular and not Consistent with the Ancient Usages of
 “Masonry, and that the said B—— ought to be re-instated as
 “a Member thereof on the payment of such Arrearages of Dues,
 “(if any,) as were owing by him to said Lodge at the time of
 “said Expulsion.

(Sign'd)

“LAMBERT SMYTH.

“SAM^L. B. ELLIS.

“JOHN SWEENY.

“W^M. L. SONNTAG.”

After some Debate had on the Adopting of said Report it was Resolved, that the Letter of said B—— complaining of his said Expulsion be read. The Grand Secretary thereupon stated that the said Letter was not then on the Table, but was among the Archives of the Grand Lodge in his Office.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 17th July, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communica-
 tion.

Present :

Bro^r. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. Grand Warden, in the Chair.

“ Robert Grant, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ John Poor, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Richard Tybout, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 67, 70 and 91 represented.

Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ancient Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of taking into Consideration a Petition praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge.

Said Petition was thereupon read. It was from several Brethren residing in the Territory of Louisiana praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of St Genevieve in the said Territory to be called "The Louisiana Lodge," and that Bro^r. Doctor Aaron Eliot might be named Master; Bro^r. Andrew Henry, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. George Bullitt, Junior Warden of the same; and that Bro^r. James Edgar, W. M^r. of the Western Star Lodge, N^o. 107, held at Kaskaskia, might be Authorized to Constitute the said Lodge. Which Petition being in due form and being recommended by said Lodge N^o. 107, agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the said Lodge be Number 109.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th September, 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

" Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Robert McCullagh, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Peter Bob, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Bro^r. William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 88, 91, 98
and 103 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the different Meetings had since that Time, were read.

The Grand Secretary Reported that since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Sums of Money on Account of the Grand Lodge, Viz :

For Dispensations,	\$45.
For Certificates,	22.49.
For Books of Ahiman Rezon,	2.
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Total,	\$69.49.

The Petition of Elenor Bond, Widow of the late George Bond, formerly a Member of Lodge N^o. 3, stating that she is in distress and craving assistance, was read. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Sum of Thirty Dollars be placed in the Hands of Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford to be by him applied to her Use if upon enquirey he shall see proper.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of 4th July last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee of 3^d December, 1806, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The following Communications and Returns from Lodges were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which was referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia. A Communication of the Rejection of C—— B—— in said Lodge.

Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburgh. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. George Michael Wagner, W. M.; Bro^r. William Murray, S. W.; Bro^r. Frederick Kleckner, J. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Wain, Secretary; Bro^r. James Brooks, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time, returning the Expulsion of D—— B—— for Non-Attendance. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to the same Time, Amounting to \$15.4.

Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Robert M^cElwee, W. M., Bro^r. William Pitt Attlee, S. W.; Bro^r. John Galligher, J. W.; Bro^r. William Greear, Secretary; Bro^r. Jacob Martin, Treasurer. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Robert M^cElwee, W. M.; Bro^r. William Pitt Attlee, S. W.; Bro^r. John Galligher, J. W.; Bro^r. William Greear, Secretary; Bro^r. Jacob Martin, Treasurer. Return of Members up to 24th June last, containing the Expulsion of D—— M——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to same Time, Amounting to \$17.97.

Lodge N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Joseph M^cMullin, W. M.; Bro^r. William Smith, S. W.; Bro^r. Peter Van Pelt, J. W.; Bro^r. Cadwalader Griffith, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Charles Cummins, W. M.; Bro^r. Henry Snyder, S. W.; Bro^r. John Sailor, J. W.; Bro^r. Hugh Maxwell, Secretary; Bro^r. Kennan, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Joseph Blame, W. M.; Bro^r. John Carter, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Vanderslice, J. W.; Bro^r. John Hufty, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Bro^r. Duplessis presented Communications from the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo and Cuba, from Lodge N^o. 88, from the late Lodge N^o. 98, and from Lodge N^o. 103, which were referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of R——

B——, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o 3, read the 1st June last, and read a second Time on the 6th July last, was again read, as also the said Petition of the said R—— B——. After some Debate, it was On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Report be not received.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of John Hopkins, respecting his Expulsion by Lodge N^o 3, made Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania : We the Committee appointed by this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, on the Letter of John Hopkins, complaining of the Vote of Expulsion by Lodge N^o 3, beg leave to Report : That agreeably to the Authority by Your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge vested in us, we met on the Evening of the 23rd Instant, (the parties all attending,) and after having fully and explicitly investigated the merits of the proceedings of said Lodge N^o 3, against said John Hopkins are clearly of opinion, That the Vote of Expulsion by said Lodge against said J. Hopkins, was irregular and not strictly consistent with the Constitution of Masonry. They therefore recommend to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, That Lodge N^o 3, be directed to re-instate said J. Hopkins in his former good standing as a Member thereof on payment of such dues as were owing from him to Lodge N^o 3, at the Time of his resignation as a Member of said Lodge.

(Sign'd)

“ LAMBERT SMITH.

“ EZEKIEL TAYLOR.

“ SAM^l. B. ELLIS.

“ JOHN SWEENY.

“ W^m. L. SONNTAG.

Which Report was accepted.

The Committee appointed on the 15th September last, on the Letter from Lodge N^o 65, held at the Great Bend of Susquehannah, concerning their Account of Grand Lodge Dues, &c., made Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania : We the Committee to whom were referred the papers

“of Lodge N^o. 65, beg leave to Report, That after having
 “carefully examined the same, Your Committee are clearly of
 “Opinion that said Lodge have been grossly negligent of their
 “Duty in not making their regular Returns and paying their
 “Dues to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge. Your Com-
 “mittee are at the same Time fully satisfied in their own
 “minds as to the payment of the Fees on their Warrant to
 “their Proxy, Thomas Town, who has confess'd the same to
 “Your Committee as will appear by the enclosed paper.
 “They therefore respectfully submit the whole of the said
 “proceedings to the Consideration of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd)

“WILLIAM WRAY.

“JOHN SWEENEY.”

The paper enclosed in the said Report was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“PHILADA. April 6th, 1807.

“The Proxy of Lodge N^o. 65, have paid to the Grand Lodge
 “on their Accompt for Warrant, Registering, &c., Fifty Five
 “Dollars including Dues.

(Sign'd)

“THO^s. TOWN, Proxy.”

Whereupon, it having been stated that there was an un-
 settled Account between Bro^r. Town and this Grand Lodge, it
 was, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Com-
 mittee of Accounts make a settlement of the Account of Bro^r.
 Town with the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand
 Lodge Adjourn to the First Monday in October next at 6
 o'clock in the Evening, for the special purpose of taking into
 Consideration the Resolutions offered and read on the 6th
 April last, respecting the sale of the Hall, and that the Grand
 Secretary mention the same particularly in the Notices to the
 Members.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th October, 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Thomas Passmore, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Joseph Blame, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Frederick Erringer, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 8, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91 and 103 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication as relates to the business of this Evening, was read.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Resolutions Offered on the 6th April last, respecting the Sale of the Hall, and which were then read, were now read a Second Time.

The said Resolutions being under Consideration.

The First Resolution was amended so as to read as follows, to wit: “ Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire “ into the expediency of making sale of the Hall, and also to “ enquire what price can be obtained for the same.”

On the Question being taken on the said Resolution as amended, the same was carried.

The Second Resolution was amended so as to read as follows, to wit: “ Resolved, that the said Committee be directed “ to ascertain if a suitable Lot of Ground, with or without a “ Building thereon, either on Ground Rent or purchase, can “ be had in the central part of the city, for the purpose, if “ with a Building, of altering the same into, or if without a “ Building, of erecting an elegant Masonic Hall suitable to the “ Dignity of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and

“that they Report at the next Adjourned Communication of
“this Grand Lodge.”

On the Question being taken on the said Resolution as amended, the same was carried.

Bro^m. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. George A. Baker, Robert M^cCullagh and Thomas Passmore were appointed a Committee for the above purposes.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the said Committee be directed to enquire what Funds can be procured for carrying the above object into effect, and that they make Report.

The Petition of Helena Spinacuta, Widow of the late A. B. Spinacuta, formerly Member of Lodge N^o. 2, at Philadelphia, stating that she and her children are distressed and craving assistance was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 8 o'clock, P. M., to the Third Monday in November next at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th November, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Pullen, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Peter Bob, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.

“ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ William Ball, Esq^r.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. } R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 100 and 108 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the 7th September and 5th October as relates to the Resolutions Offered and Adopted respecting the sale of the Hall was read.

The Petition of Susannah Elliott was read. It stated that she is the Widow of Francis Elliott, deceased, who was a Member of the Portland Lodge in the State of Massachusetts, that she is very infirm in health, and in distress, and craves assistance. On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the same be referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Committee appointed on the Resolutions respecting the Sale of the Hall, made Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and
“Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and
“Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

“The Committee appointed at the Communication held on
“the 5th Day of October last, beg leave to Report,

“That in compliance with their appointment, they have
“enquired into the expediency of making Sale of the Hall,
“and also what price can be obtained for the same, and are of
“opinion that the R. W. Grand Lodge should not lose any
“opportunity in making sale of a building now inadequate to
“the purposes for which it was intended. That an offer is
“made by a sufficient person to take the said Hall and Lot at
“the price of Five Thousand Dollars, to be paid in work, in
“the building of a New Hall, at a fair price, giving security
“for the performance of the Contract to be entered into which
“price your Committee think is the highest the Hall could
“command, and only in that way.

“That your Committee have had several Meetings, and
“have taken all possible pains in looking for a suitable Lot,
“for erecting an elegant Masonic Hall in a central part of the
“City. That amongst the Lots they have contemplated, there
“is one situated on the North side of Chestnut Street, between

“7th and 8th Streets, containing in front on Chestnut Street
 “101 Feet 8 Inches, and in Depth 178 Feet or thereabouts.
 “That the Owner asks for the whole of the said Lot a Ground
 “Rent of \$850 per Annum.

“That your Committee suppose that the said Ground Rent
 “will appear at first to be very high, yet considering that such
 “a situation would give general satisfaction to the Brethren,
 “Considering also the advantage that might result from hav-
 “ing large Cellars to let, and also very large rooms on the
 “First Floor fit for schools or other public purposes, in so
 “eligible a situation, &c., they are of opinion that such a Lot
 “is the best that can answer the purposes intended by the
 “Grand Lodge and generally wished for by the Brethren, and
 “they beg leave to recommend the securing of the said Lot.

“That Your Committee conceive that many of the Brethren
 “would assist the Grand Lodge by a liberal subscription, and
 “that it is probable some further assistance could be obtained
 “from the different Lodges in the City by Donations or Loans.

“That the Committee have considered as a part of their
 “Duty to submit to the Grand Lodge the present and prob-
 “able Funds and resources of the Grand Lodge, also the prob-
 “able income after the Hall is built, the whole whereof is
 “stated as follows :

“Proceeds of the present Hall, . . .	\$5000.	
“In the Grand Treasurer’s Hands, . . .	886.20	
“In Bro ^r . Israel Israel’s Hands, . . .	216.14	
“In the Grand Secretary’s Hands about. . .	60.	
		<u>\$6152.34</u>
“Sale of Bro ^r . Dean’s Lot, supposed, . . .	\$1800.	
“Sundry sums expected to be paid by the Lodges, &c., by March next, . . .	700.	
“Subscription Monies,	1500.	
“Donations and Loans,		4000.
		<u>\$10162.34</u>
“Eleven Lodges, &c., Rent,	\$500.	
“Dues from 12 Lodges in the City, . . .	240.	
“Ditto “ Country Lodges,	300.	
“Dispensations,	150.	

"Certificates,	80.	
"Warrants,	180.	
			\$1450.
"Cellars,	\$240.	
"Rooms,	300.	
			540.
			\$1990.

"Your Committee beg leave to observe that should the Grand Lodge choose to build the Hall back from the Street, Four Lots of Twenty Feet by 80 or 90 Feet might be disposed of and would reduce the Ground Rent more than One Half.

"Philadelphia, Nov^r. 16, 1807.

(Sign'd)

"J. B. SMITH.

"GEORGE A. BAKER.

"P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

"THOMAS PASSMORE.

"ROB^r. M^cCULLAGH."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Committee be instructed to make a purchase of the Lot recommended by them on the best Terms they can procure.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Committee be instructed to make sale of the present building for a sum not lower than Five Thousand Dollars, conditioned to be paid either in Money or in materials and work, and also conditioned that the Building be not delivered until another Building is prepared.

Bro^r. Jonathan B. Smith requested permission to withdraw from the said Committee which was granted, and Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford was appointed in his room.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Committee obtain a plan or plans of a Masonic Hall, together with an Estimate of the expence of the Building, and that they lay the same before this Grand Lodge.

The Petition of John Macbeth and Samuel Meeteer, formerly Members of Lodge N^o. 96, held at New Ark, in the State

of Delaware, under the Jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, was read. It stated that owing to the proceedings of several Lodges in the said State of Delaware, and of the said Lodge No. 96, this Grand Lodge had vacated the Warrant of said Lodge No. 96, which has deprived them of the right of obtaining Certificates to establish their good standing; That they are determined not to join any of the Lodges working under a Grand Lodge not Acknowledged, and which they conceive for that reason to be irregular; That it is probable that the Petitioners will in a short time remove to some other State wherein they wish to enjoy the benefits of Masonry; That they are willing to pay their Grand Lodge Dues to this Time, and therefore pray that Grand Lodge Certificates may be granted them. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That special Certificates be granted to the said Petitioners under the direction of the R. W. Grand Master.

Resolved, That the Hall Committee be directed to have Patent Lamps fixed in the Hall agreeably to Resolution of the 4th May last.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th December, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

" William Ball, Esq ^r .	} R. W. Past Grand Masters.
" Jonathan B. Smith, Esq ^r .	
" Frederick Wolbert, Esq ^r .	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.	
" Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.	
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.	
" Thomas Armstrong, Esq ^r .	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

- Bro^r. Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.
 “ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.
 “ Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 100, 102 and 103 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and Adjournments were read.

The Minutes of the Standing Committee of Charity of the 21st September, 19th October, and 30th November, were read and Approved. It appeared by said Minutes that the said Committee had granted the following Sums, to wit:

On the 21 st September,	
to M ^{rs} . Ann Moody, Widow of Bro ^r . Peter Francis Moody, late of Lodge N ^o . 5, S ^o . Carolina . . .	\$10.
to M ^{rs} . Sarah E. Nowioch, Widow, Bro ^r . Frederick Nowioch, late of Lodge N ^o . 72, Philadelphia . . .	10.
to Bro ^r . Jeremiah da Silva, of N ^o . 8, New York . . .	10.
On the 19 th October,	
to M ^{rs} . Ann M ^c Kinney, Widow of Roger M ^c Kinney, formerly of Lodge N ^o . 56, at Carlisle . . .	10.
On the 30 th November,	
to M ^{rs} . Susannah Elliott, Widow of Francis Elliott, who was a Member of the Portland Lodge, Massa- chusetts	20.
to M ^{rs} . Mason, Widow of Bro ^r . Frances Mason, late a Member of Lodge N ^o . 2, Philadelphia	10.
Total	<u>\$70.</u>
Deduct \$5 returned to the Grand Treasurer of the Sum voted for Ann M ^c Kinney	5.
Leaves the Amount granted	<u>\$65.</u>

The Petition of Thomas Batson, who was formerly a Member of Lodge N^o. 52, held in this City, was read. It stated his distresses, Occasioned by Sickness, and requested assistance by

way of a Loan. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Sum of Twenty Dollars be granted for his Use and that Bro^m Armstrong and Passmore be a Committee to make enquirey and present him with said sum, if upon such enquirey they shall see proper.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Officers for the ensuing Year. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master stated that it was inconvenient to him to fill the said Office any longer, and he therefore declined being considered a Candidate for the same for the ensuing Year.

Bro^r Armstrong, Grand Treasurer, stated that his private affairs would not permit him to discharge the Duties of that Office any longer, and therefore desired that he might not be re-elected.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing Year, when the undernamed Brethren were duly elected to fill the following Offices, to wit :

Bro^r James Milnor, Esq^r· re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r· elected R. W. D. Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, re-elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, re-elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Committee appointed on the 16th Ultimo to purchase a Lot and to make sale of the Hall made Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“ To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“ The Committee appointed on the 16th November last, to
 “ make purchase of the Lot in Chestnut Street for a Masonic
 “ Hall, &c., beg leave to Report : That in compliance with
 “ their appointment they have purchased the said Lot, contain-
 “ ing 101 Feet 7 Inches in Front on Chestnut Street and 178
 “ Feet in Depth, with the privilege of an Alley 15 Feet wide

“leading to Eighth Street, for the Yearly Rent or Sum of
“Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars per Annum, to be paid in
“Half yearly payments for ever, with the privilege of ex-
“tinguishing the said Rent at 16½ Years purchase at any Time
“in partial payments of not less than One Fourth part at any-
“one payment. That the said Rent shall begin from the Day
“the Deed for the said Lot shall be executed to such Trustees
“as the Grand Lodge will appoint.

“That your Committee have endeavoured to make sale of
“the present Hall, and have received from M^r. Thomas Car-
“stairs, an eminent Carpenter of this City, the following pro-
“posal, (to wit,) to take the said Hall at the price of \$5000, to
“be paid in work in the new intended building, the Grand
“Lodge to retain possession of the said Hall until they remove
“to the new one. That besides he offers to do the Carpenters
“work for 10 ½ Cent less than the Old price, or perhaps some-
“thing lower if the fine work is considerable.

“That some of the Managers of the City Dancing Assembly
“have proposed to advance about \$10,000 to carry on the in-
“tended building, at the Interest of 6 ½ Cent ½ Annum, on
“Condition that they should be furnished on the First Floor
“with a suitable Ball-Room, Refreshing-room, Card and Draw-
“ing rooms, the said Money to be secured by a Mortgage on
“the Building, And Your Committee have reason to think
“that the City Dancing Assembly will allow yearly a reason-
“able compensation for the times they shall occupy the said
“rooms during the Winter season, leaving to the Grand
“Lodge the privilege of letting the same at all other times
“throughout the year.

“That the said Managers have not yet been able to have a
“general meeting of their Board, but are to have one on Wed-
“nesday next, the result of which will be made known to your
“Committee.

“That your Committee cannot procure a plan or plans of a
“Masonic Hall, &c., nor an estimate of the building, until
“they know the sense of the Grand Lodge on the said pro-
“posal, and until it is determined whether it shall be carried
“into effect or not.

“Your Committee are of Opinion that if the above proposal
 “and plan can be carried into execution, not only the Grand
 “Lodge will have a more elegant Hall, but the large Cellars
 “and the First Floor will bring a considerable income, besides
 “the sum allowed by the City Dancing Assembly, especially
 “as there is not any such accomodation to be had in the
 “City, though much desired for many purposes.
 “December 7th, 1807.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“GEORGE A. BAKER.

“ROBERT M^c-CULLAGH.

“THOMAS PASSMORE.

“SAM^l. F. BRADFORD.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That
 the Grand Lodge approve of the said purchase so made of the
 aforesaid Lot of Ground, and that the said Committee be di-
 rected to carry the same into effect.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Officers
 elected this Evening together with Bro^{rs} Jonathan B. Smith,
 William L. Sonntag and Thomas Passmore be appointed
 Trustees, and that the Deed of Conveyance for the aforesaid
 Lot of Ground and Premisses with the Appurtenances be made
 to them as Joint Tenants, in Fee, in Trust for the Use of this
 Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the above
 Committee be directed to enquire what Monies can be ob-
 tained on Loan, either from Individuals or public Bodies, for
 the purpose of erecting a Building, and that they make Report.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.
 to the Third Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st December, A. D. 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly
 Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. D. Grand Master, P. T.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 19, 21, 45, 51, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 77, 84, 88, 91, 100 and 103 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Gr. Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the 16th November and 7th December Instant, as relates to the purchase of a Lot and erecting a Building was read.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary communicated that he had appointed Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. Deputy Grand Secretary, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the same. Whereupon, the said Appointment was Unanimously Approved.

The Committee appointed to make sale of the Hall and to Report the plan of a Building, &c., not being ready to report fully as to the Objects committed to them, it was,

On Motion, Resolved, That the said Committee be continued.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee on the Jewells and Aprons of the Grand Officers, &c., be directed to furnish a Jewell and an Apron for the Deputy Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary Reported that since the last Grand Quarterly Communication, he had received the following Sums of Money on Account of the Grand Lodge, Viz :

For Dispensations,	\$90.
For Certificates,	15.57
For 1 Book of Ahiman Rezon,67
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Total	\$106.24

A Letter from Bro^r Jasper Carter was read, requesting payment of his Account for Painting and Glazing done to the Hall, which Account accompanied said Letter and amounts to £10. 9. 5., Equal to \$27.92. Whereupon, Resolved, That an Order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favour of Bro^r Carter for the said sum.

Three Communications from the Grand Lodge of England, of 4th March, 3rd June and 2nd September last, were read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Said Communications contained the following Expulsions, to wit: By the Provincial Grand Lodge, Bermuda, R—— P——, late of the S^t George's Lodge N^o 266, (Register of Scotland,) for a Dereliction of his Duty as a Mason. By Lodge N^o 248, in the 76th Regiment, P—— M——, for conduct unbecoming a Mason, and for deserting his Corps.

The following Communications and Returns from subordinate Lodges were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. A Communication of the rejection of W—— S——.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r George Alcorn, W. M.; Bro^r John P. Hood, S. W.; Bro^r James M^cCurdy, J. W.; Bro^r Philip Reilly, Secretary ; Bro^r Philip Boyle, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 62, held at Reading. Return of Members from 4th July, 1804, to 27th December, 1806, and Account of Grand Lodge Dues for the same Time ; which were referr'd to the Committee heretofore appointed on the Account of said Lodge.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r Samuel Deal, W. M.; Bro^r John M^cClune, S. W.; Bro^r Henry Eberly, J. W.; Bro^r William A. Lee, Secretary ; Bro^r Charles Colladay, Treasurer. A Com-

munication of the removal of said Lodge from the Fountain Inn, in Germantown, to the Sign of General Wayne's Indian Treaty in the same place.

Lodge N^o. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette C^o. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Daniel Keller, W. M.; Bro^r. William M^cCleland, S. W.; Bro^r. Patrick M^cDonnald, J. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Oliphant, Secretary; Bro^r. William Downard, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning the Expulsion of J—— P——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to 24th June last, Amounting to \$31.5.

Lodge N^o. 100, held at Catawissa. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Christian Brobst, W. M.; Bro^r. Philip Moyer, S. W.; Bro^r. Hezekiah Boone, J. W.; Bro^r. Gabriel Lount, Secretary; Bro^r. Stacy Margerum, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the rejection of J—— F——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to June last, Amounting to \$15.16.

Lodge N^o. 101, held at Palmstown, Dauphin C^o. Return of Members from the commencement up to 24th June last, returning the Expulsion of A—— S——, and the rejections of J—— M^cN——, A——M^cK——, A—— M——, A—— M^cH——, A—— C——, J—— C——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues for same Time, amounting to \$55.64.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Joppa, Montgomery County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Edward Gilfillan, W. M.; Bro^r. John H. Worrell, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Bull, J. W.; Bro^r. John Worrell, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Thomas, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 104, held in Strasburg Township, Lancaster County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Joseph Lefever, W. M.; Bro^r. Nathaniel W. Sample, S. W.; Bro^r. Isaac W. Vanleer, J. W.; Bro^r. John Carpenter, Secretary; Bro^r. Henry Carpenter, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 105, held at Zane Ville, Ohio. A Letter from said Lodge accompanying their Returns, Viz: Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Levi Whipple, W. M.; Bro^r. Daniel Converse, S. W.; Bro^r. Abel Lewis, J. W.; Bro^r. W. Raynolds, Secretary; Bro^r. Isaac Van Horne, Treasurer.

Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to 27th Instant, amounting to \$7.63. A Commission from said Lodge duly Executed, appointing Bro^r. George A. Baker their Proxy to represent them in this Grand Lodge, who was duly recognized as such.

Lodge N^o. 107, held at Kaskaskia. A Letter from said Lodge dated 24th August last, mentioning its having enclosed \$20 on Account of Grand Lodge Dues, which Bro^r. Grand Secretary informed he had paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 108, held at Wysox and Orwell. A Letter from said Lodge of 20th July last, mentioning that the sum of \$20.50 was inclosed to discharge the balance owing for their Warrant, &c. Bro^r. Grand Secretary acknowledged to have received the same, and informed that he had paid it over to the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 3, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“The Committee to whom was referr’d the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 3, held in Philadelphia,

“Respectfully Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same,
“and are of Opinion that there is not any matter contain’d
“the same unmasonic. They cheerfully recommend to the
“R. W. Grand Lodge to approve of the same.

“Dec^r. 7th, 1807.

(Sign’d)

“FRED^r. WOLBERT.

“ROB^r. PULLEN.

“ROB^r. POALK.”

Which Report was approved.

The Committee on the Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 106, held at Williamsport, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“The Committee to whom was referr’d the Bye Laws of
“Lodge N^o. 106, held in Williamsport, Lycoming County,

“Respectfully Report,

“That they have carefully examined the same and recom-
“mend the following Alteration in the 13th Article, 3^d line,
“after the word *Secretary* insert ‘On a Stated Lodge Night.’
“6th line, after the word *Next* insert ‘Stated.’

“ With the above alterations, the Committee recommend the adoption of the Bye Laws.

“ Dec^r. 7th, 1807. (Sign'd)

“ FRED^x. WOLBERT.

“ ROB^r. PULLEN.

“ ROB^r. POALK.”

Which Report was Adopted and the said Alterations approved.

The said 13th Article as amended reads as follows, to wit:
 “ Whenever a Candidate offers himself to become a Member of this Lodge, his request shall be presented in writing to the Worshipful Master and be read by the Secretary on a stated Lodge Night. The good character of the Candidate shall be vouched for by the Brother who proposes him, and a Committee of Three shall be appointed to make further enquirey in the vicinity in which he lives and make Report the next stated Lodge Night.”

The Committee on the Bye Laws made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 107, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

“ The Committee to whom was referr'd the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 107, held in the Town of Kaskaskia,

“ Respectfully Beg leave to Report.

“ That they have carefully examined the same and recommend the following Alterations:

“ Section 2nd in 2nd line after the word *Regular* insert “ Stated.”

“ Ditto in 7th line to strike out the word “ Special.”

“ Ditto in 9th line to insert after the word *Regular* “ *Stated.*”

“ Ditto in 9 and 10 lines, strike out “ or instanter if prepared.”

“ Section 4th to strike out the whole of this Section.

“ Last Amendment, to strike out the whole.

“ Dec^r. 7th, 1807. (Sign'd)

“ FRED^x. WOLBERT.

“ ROB^r. PULLEN.

“ ROB^r. POALK.”

Which Report was accepted, and all the Alterations therein proposed were approved, except the Second alteration to strike out the Word *special* which was not approved.

The said 2nd Section as Altered reads as follows, to wit:
 "Every person desirous of becoming a Member of our Lodge
 "shall be proposed in regular stated Lodge Hours, by a Mem-
 "ber thereof, who shall present a Petition in Writing, giving
 "an Account of the Candidate, his Name and place of resi-
 "dence, and being of full age. The Petition being Seconded
 "by a Member shall be read, Whereupon, a Special Commit-
 "tee of Three Members at least, to be Appointed by the Lodge
 "to Report next regular stated Lodge the Character, &c., of
 "the Candidate, and if the Committee Report favourable, the
 "Ballot shall then be taken, And the Candidate elected
 "without a dissenting Vote. The Master shall cause him to
 "be informed that the Lodge is ready to receive him, (which
 "may only be done in Case there be no other business before
 "the Lodge,) or at an Extra Lodge to be agreed on at the
 "Time of the Candidates Election; But in Case a Black Ball
 "should through a Mistake be put in the Box at the Time of
 "Ballotting, the Ballot shall be taken a Second and a Third
 "Time, and if there still appears a Black Ball the Candidate
 "shall be dismissed and no reason exacted from any Member
 "of this Lodge."

The said 4th Section which was stricken out read as follows,
 to wit: "Provided, however, that during the Dispensation
 "under which this Lodge is now constituted, a Candidate may
 "be proposed at a Special Lodge any Time before the regular
 "Lodge Night, any Thing in the Second Section of these Bye
 "Laws, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And the said last Amendment which was stricken out was
 in the words following, to wit: "In order to enable this Lodge
 "to take a Ballot and Initiate a Candidate at an Extra Lodge
 "during the Time limited by this Dispensation, It was
 "Motioned, Seconded, and Unanimously agreed to, that so
 "much of the Bye Laws as relates to the Ballotting for Candi-
 "dates be repealed, and that this Lodge shall have power to
 "Ballot for, Initiate, Pass and Raise Members at Extra Lodges,
 "during the Dispensation."

The Report of the Committee on the Application of David
 Irving for a Grand Lodge Certificate was read. Whereupon,

after some debate the said Committee were discharged and a New Committee, consisting of Bro^m. Hennessy, Bradford and Poalk, appointed to examine into the Premises and Report thereon.

The Grand Secretary stated that in a meeting of the Standing Committee of Charity held this Evening, Previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, it had been Resolved, to recommend M^{rs}. Bridget Correy, the Widow of our former Grand Pursuivant, Bro^r. Walter Correy, to the Consideration of the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Sum of Twenty Dollars be placed in the Hands of the R. W. Grand Master for M^{rs}. Correy's use.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master direct the Grand Lodge to be convened whenever the Committee appointed respecting the sale of the Hall, and for reporting a plan of a Building, &c., shall be ready to Report.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

St. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Monday, 28th, instead of St. John's Day which fell on Sunday, 27th December, 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

" Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

" William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

" Cadwallader Griffith, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 84, 88, 103 and 105 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the 7th Instant as relates to the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, was read, and thereupon the following R. W. Grand Officers elect, were severally Installed into their respective Offices in Ancient Form, to wit :

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. Gr. Master.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

B^r. Lewis, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden Elect, not being present, his Installation is to take place hereafter.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that he had appointed Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. Deputy Grand Secretary, for the ensuing year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the said Appointment, when the same was Unanimously Approved.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit :

Bro^r. Thomas-Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews, }
 “ “ Doct^r. William Rogers, } Grand Chaplains.
 “ “ Doct^r. George Potts, }

Bro^r. Thomas Amies, }
 “ Richard Tybout, } Grand Stewards.

“ Robert Pullen, Grand Sword bearer.

“ Simon Chaudron, Grand Marshal.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz :

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. }
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. } Committee of Cor-
 “ Samuel F. Bradford, } respondence.

- Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. } Committee of Ac-
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. } counts.
 “ William M^cCullagh, }
 “ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. } Committee to Examine the
 “ Robert Pullen, } Bye Laws of the Subor-
 “ Robert Poalk, } dinate Lodges as the
 same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge.
 “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. } Committee to ex-
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. } amine the trans-
 “ William M^cCullagh, } actions of the
 past year, and select for publication.
 “ Joseph Burden, }
 “ Vincent Ducomb, } Hall Committee.
 “ Frederick Erringer, }

Recommenders of Objects to the Philadelphia Dispensary,
 to wit :

- Bro^r. Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. for the Northern Liberties.
 “ George A. Baker, for the City.
 “ Daniel Bussier, for Southwark.

The Returns of the Lodges being called for, the following
 Returns, &c., were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
 ing Bro^r. Peter Grant, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas De Silver, S.
 W.; Bro^r. William M^cGuire, J. W.; Bro^r. John Phillips, Sec-
 retary; Bro^r. Robert Pullen, Treasurer. Return of Mem-
 bers to this Day. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to this
 Time.

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
 ing Bro^r. Lambert Ladent, W. M.; Bro^r. William Bright, S.
 W.; Bro^r. Seth Price, J. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Elliott, Secretary;
 Bro^r. Lambert Smyth, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
 ing Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, W. M.; Bro^r. William Page,
 S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Page, J. W.; Bro^r. John B. N. Smith,
 Secretary; Bro^r. William J. Bell, Treasurer. Return of
 Members to this Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to
 this Time.

Lodge N^o. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-

ing Bro^r. James M^cCurdy, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Philip Reilly, S. W.; Bro^r. Hugh Sloan, J. W.; Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r. Secretary; Bro^r. Philip Boyle, Treasurer. Return of Members to this Time and containing the rejection of S—— F——, W—— C. W——, P—— W——, S—— M——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to this Time.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Nicholas M^cHenry, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Glassgow, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Johnson, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secretary; Bro^r. John Johnson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 73, held at Philadelphia. Bro^r. Simon Chaudron, W. M.; Bro^r. Pageot Desnoutieres, S. W.; Bro^r. F. Basile, J. W.; Bro^r. B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Chauveau, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Joppa, Montgomery County. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John H. Worrell, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Bull, S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Hicks, J. W.; Bro^r. John Worrell, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Thomas, Treasurer.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of 26th August last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon. Said Communication contained the following Expulsions and Rejections, Viz:

Expulsion, Viz: T—— F——, by St John's Lodge N^o. 11.

Suspensions, Viz: T—— Q——, R—— W. D——, W—— F——, J—— W——, J—— H. D——, G—— W——, J—— S——, by Lodge N^o. 1; W—— W——, A—— T——, R—— G——, S—— C——, by Lodge N^o. 4.

Rejections, Viz: A—— C——, J—— C——, C—— W——, B—— S. C——, by Lodge N^o. 4; W—— T. V——, by Lodge N^o. 7; J—— F——, W—— B——, by Lodge N^o. 11; E—— B. H——, R—— M^cK——, G—— J——, G—— L——, by Lodge N^o. 13.

Re-instatements, Thomas Gist, in Lodge N^o. 4; Nathan Crawford, James M^cConnell, Austing Roberts, David Wilcox, in Lodge N^o. 5; Benjamin Osmun, in Lodge N^o. 7.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary notify all Lodges who are in arrears for Two Years Dues with this Grand Lodge of

their Delinquency, agreeable to the 22nd Article of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th March, A. D. 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
- “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Gr^d M^r.
 - “ William Ball, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.
 - “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.
 - “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 - “ Robert McCullagh, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
 - “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 - “ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 - “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.
 - “ Peter Bob, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
 - “ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.
 - “ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
 - “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 66, 67, 70, 72, 77, 81, 84, 88, 91, 103 and 105 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Adjourned and General Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 21st December and 15th February were read and Approved of. It appeared by the said Minutes that the said Committee had granted the following Sums, to wit :

On the 21st December,

To M^{rs}. Bridget Corry, Widow of Bro^r. Walter Corry. \$10.

To M ^{rs} . Nowioch, Widow of Bro ^r . F. Nowioch of N ^o . 72,	10.
On the 15 th February,	
To M ^{rs} . Mary Thompson, Widow of Bro ^r . John Thompson, of the former Lodge N ^o . 4,	10.
To Bro ^r . Thomas Burr, of N ^o . 10, New York,	10.
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Total	\$40.

Bro^r. Robert Lewis, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden Elect not having been present at the Installation of the R. W. Grand Officers on St^t John's Day last, was now Installed into the said Office in Ancient Form.

The R. W. Grand Master presented a Report respecting the Grand Visitation lately made to the Lodges held in this City, which was read, as follows :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylv-
“vania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, the
“Grand Master Reports,

“That accompanied by his Grand Officers and a Committee
“of Three Companions from the most Holy Grand Royal Arch
“Chapter, he has compleated during the past and present
“Months, a tour of Visitation in Ancient form to the several
“Lodges held in the City of Philadelphia, that he has con-
“ceived it his duty to address a Circular Charge to said
“Lodges, awakening their Attention to the real nature and
“objects of this Institution, and conveying such advice and
“cautions as were presumed would prove of utility ; that under
“his direction each Lodge has submitted its Book of trans-
“actions to the Grand Secretary previous to the Visitation
“taking place, and on the Evening of meeting with the Lodge,
“the Grand Secretary with that attention which marks his
“Official Conduct, has, upon being called on for that purpose
“by the Grand Master, produced in each instance a written
“Report, noticing the manner in which the Lodge has been
“attended by its members, stating with Candor and Imparti-
“ality any errors which may have crept into the transactions
“of the Lodge or its mode of Minuting its proceedings, and
“applauding any traits of merit deserving of commendation

“and praise. Each report underwent a comment from the
“Grand Master from the Chair, having for its object a more
“complete elucidation of the various matters noticed by the
“Grand Secretary, and impressing on the minds of the
“Members such matters as the occasion appeared to re-
“quire; that to render this scrutiny and comment still more
“efficacious, each Lodge was furnished with a Copy of the Re-
“port and requested to have the same inserted on their
“Minutes; that in one only instance the Grand Master was
“deprived of the Opportunity of having any examination of
“the proceedings of the Lodge previous to the Visitation, the
“same having been omitted to be entered in their Book of
“transactions for a full year; that the Grand Master requested
“that the Minutes should be immediately placed in a state
“proper for examination, in order that the same might take
“place previous to his report being made to the Grand Lodge,
“and his request has been complied with, that it is with
“peculiar pleasure the Grand Master finds himself Authorized
“to say, that he observes no diminution of Zeal and Attention
“to the Interests of the Craft on the part of that portion of it
“which he has lately reviewed, but that on the contrary the
“Lodges in this City, with the exception of One or Two, are
“increasing in Numbers, and that there appears on the part
“of the Members much anxiety to promote the prosperity of
“Masonry, and to be found walking worthily in the Vocations
“to which they have been called; that in several Lodges an
“encouraging revival of exertion is observable, and in all of
“the Communications, the Grand Officers were received with
“Affection and respect, accompanied by Assurances of im-
“plicit obedience to the mandate of the Grand Lodge, and a
“cheerful compliance with the recommendations given to
“them by its officers.

“Upon the whole, the Grand Master flatters himself that
“advantage will accrue to the Craft from the recent survey
“and investigation, and he feels himself much indebted to his
“worthy brethren who accompanied him, for the assistance
“lent him in the prosecution of this work.

“The Grand Master has directed copies of the reports of

“the Grand Secretary on the Minutes of each Lodge to be laid before the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

“All which is respectfully submitted.”

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved unanimously, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be respectfully requested to furnish a copy of the address lately delivered by him to the different Lodges held in this City, and that the said address, together with the above report, be inserted on the Minutes, and also printed for the use of the different Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to comply with the said request by furnishing a copy of the said address, which is in the words following, to wit :

“Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren,

“The custom of annual visitation is one of the immemorial appendages of the masonic institution. Its value and importance must be obvious to all who consider the nature of that relation which subsists between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges. The former may be considered as the fountain of masonic authority, light and knowledge which are hence imparted to and diffused over the inferior bodies, deriving from the superior power your right to hold these friendly intercourses with each other ; you are cheered by the frequent communications received through the medium of its officers from the highest source of information, because you know it to be your duty, and feel it to be your delight to walk according to the ancient standards, and to be reminded of your aberrances therefrom, if ever such take place. To guard with the utmost solicitude and watchfulness every department of our noble edifice, is the duty of those who have been called to the administration of the higher offices of the craft. No institution merely human is altogether free the danger of innovation ; and therefore though it is the boast of ours that its purity has remained in a great measure unviolated during many ages that are past, yet it must depend on its inherent excellence and the sedulous attention of its conductors for its future respectability

“and permanence. Under a deep sense of the weight of the
“obligation which rests upon us who have been honored with
“an advancement to the dignified stations we severally hold,
“it is that we continue according to ancient usage these stated
“visitations. Do not consider them as vain and useless cere-
“monies, nor imagine that we come among you with hearts
“elevated by the pride of office, or inflated by the weak desire
“of receiving homage at your hands. No my brethren, we
“come in obedience to the mandates of imperious duty, and
“we desire to be serviceable to you.

“For my own part, I have greatly to regret the little oppor-
“tunity and capacity I possess for executing my anxious in-
“clinations to promote the honor and well being of the
“fraternity; but I am aided by those who possess more op-
“portunity and better capacity, united with equally good in-
“tentions, and we have the happiness also to find in our
“brethren, such good dispositions as materially tend to assist
“our endeavours.

“Cultivate them with diligence, my brethren. They en-
“courage our labours for the good of Masonry, and they will
“make those labours redound to our comfort and the ad-
“vantage of the craft under our charge.

“Associated under the endearing appellation of brothers, how
“pleasing it is to see realized in our masonic intercourse the
“various affecting traits belonging to that relation. Mutual
“love and affection, generous and kindly emotions, feelings of
“deep commiseration for each other’s distresses resulting in
“spontaneous acts of Charity and beneficence: these are
“splendid Pillars of our Masonic Temple, moral ornaments
“far exceeding the justly admired proportions of architectural
“decoration, and all the well imagined embellishments of our
“ancient and honorable order. For little has that mason
“profited, however appropriately he may be designated by the
“external habiliments of his profession, if he has not learnt
“practically to moralize its several parts; if he has not learnt
“by the square, that he is all times suitable to regulate his
“actions by the square of Virtue, by the plumb, that he is to
“walk uprightly before God and man in whatever station he

“ may be placed, and by the level, that he is on an equality
“ with his Brethren, and should never conceive himself too
“ elevated in the sphere providence has assigned him, for the
“ performance of humane and benevolent actions towards his
“ fellowmen. In vain has he handled the gauge if it has not
“ read to him many Lessons on the value of time, and taught
“ him so to divide his employments and his recreations that
“ his body may not sink under the pressure of the former, nor
“ his mind be weakened, his health impaired and his family
“ destroyed, by an excessive indulgence of the latter. In vain
“ has he wielded the common gavel if it has not produced
“ strong endeavours to break off every vicious propensity and
“ disposition from his heart ; and, above all, to remove those
“ obstructions that sometimes prevent the square of fellowship
“ from lying easy amongst brethren. In vain does he borrow
“ from the operative mason that useful instrument the trowel,
“ if he has not delighted to use it for the generous purpose of
“ concealing his brothers’ imperfections and spreading the
“ cement of fraternal love and affection, that cement which
“ unites us in one sacred band of friends and Brothers, among
“ whom, as has been well observed, no contention should ever
“ exist but the noble emulation of who can best work or who
“ best agree. In vain will he be seen clothed in the whitest
“ lambskin, if that beautiful badge do not teach him to appre-
“ ciate the value of purity of mind and innocence of conduct.
“ In vain will he eulogize the wisdom, strength and beauty of
“ the noble art he professes, if it does not make him see the
“ necessity of increasing his own wisdom by advancing in the
“ knowledge of our mysteries of shewing the strength of his
“ own exertions in maintaining them unsullied, and of
“ evincing the beauty of the institution by the exemplariness
“ of his own deportment.

“ But if the attentive mason correctly spiritualizes the var-
“ ious implements, badges and decorations of the Lodge, where
“ will he find a school capable of such copious instruction ?

“ With the book of life ever open before him, with a sense
“ of present observation of his conduct by the all seeing eye
“ of the great Ruler of the Universe, with the tradition of past

“ages stored in his recollection, with the teachings of wisdom
“held forth to his view in our estimable book of Constitutions
“and other memorials of our society, with the communications
“of wise and expert master workmen, and with the silent but
“instructive operation of every object round him, that man
“must indeed be dull and inobservant or grossly negligent
“and careless, who does not profit by such advantages.

“Have you my brethren so profited during that year that
“is past? we make not the enquiry in a spirit of censure or
“complaint. We hope and trust many of you can answer
“satisfactorily and truly in the affirmative, and if any cannot
“yet presume to boast of their acquirements, we hope another
“year may place them on a level with their at present better
“improved associates.

“Our works being dictated to us by no written memorial,
“it becomes the more necessary, that by close attention and
“diligent application we treasure up in our memories, as those
“who have gone before us have done, its invaluable forms.

“With this view the young mason should not satisfy him-
“self with the earnest, but brief consideration of them which
“a short lived curiosity on his first admission generally in-
“duces; he should perseveringly adhere to a plan of study
“that may indelibly impress them on his mind, that may
“secure him an unhesitating admission into all ancient
“Lodges and may do honor to the particular Lodge in which
“he has received his masonic privileges.

“And here my brethren let me take the opportunity of
“cautioning you against an error, the dangerous nature of
“which, one would think, need only be seen to be avoided. I
“mean that carelessness I have often observed on the part of
“brethren in making themselves known to others, of whose
“connection with the Craft they have an insufficient knowl-
“edge; an indiscriminate communication of even the slightest
“evidence of our order, is not merely blameable but fraught
“with great danger to that sacred security and secrecy in
“which its mysteries should ever be hidden from the uniniti-
“ated and profane. My brethren, let me urge it upon you
“never to risk a disclosure of the minutest point in mixed

“companies. The eye of the inquisitive and discerning are often directed towards us when we are not aware of our actions being noticed, and no correct and careful mason ought to be taken off his guard.

“In like manner when you speak of the institution to strangers, avoid the gratification of an improper curiosity on their Part. Its general nature, so far as may be lawfully made known, all the world may learn from the various books of Constitutions, and other treatises now extant; for all the rest let your only answer to their enquiries be come and see.”

“Let me now on this occasion renew also a recommendation formerly given, for the exercise of more investigation into the character of candidates for admission into Lodges, than I fear, sometimes takes place. Is there not in many instances too great an ardor for an increase of members, united with too little attention to the merits of the applicants? This is indeed a sore evil, which has deeply tainted the health of the Masonic Body in many places, and in some has destroyed its local existence.

“The remedy brethren lies with yourselves. You should let no false delicacy prevent you from a decided course of conduct, in the rejection of all improper applications, taking care at the same time that your Judgment be not warped by political or religious prejudice or by personal animosity or ill will.

“The same caution that should be used in regard to the reception of members, should also be used in the selection of those amongst you, who are to take a more active part, and to fill more prominent stations in the society. A mistaken idea of rotation in Office has been entertained in some Lodges. It has been supposed that every brother in his turn, should be invested with the honors of the Lodge. Every brother ought indeed to aim at advancement and to use proper exertions to qualify himself for it; but as we all know that in every institution some are less capable, some less diligent and some less meritorious than others, and that of course there are necessarily various grades of moral and in-

“tellectual improvement, so ought it to be the study of every
“Lodge, not to nominate its Officers on a principle, in my
“view almost as reprehensible as would be a decision by Lot,
“but with great care and circumspection to select only such as
“will be patterns of masonic excellence to the bodies in which
“they preside or act.

“In our address of last year, we Affectionately recommend
“to you various other points of duty. We flatter ourselves it
“is needless now to repeat many of them. From the very re-
“spectful and attentive hearing you then gave its contents,
“and from its publications since, we trust it has made such an
“impression as it merited, and if we cannot solace ourselves
“with the reflection that all its requests have been complied
“with, we know that many have and hope others may yet be
“found deserving of future consideration.

“There is one circumstance that shall occupy but a mo-
“ment; this society has been charged by the world with hav-
“ing produced deleterious effects on the moral and industrious
“habits of its members. That it has generally had such an
“influence we may positively and truly deny, for as I have
“already intimated, every object it contains and every pre-
“cept it teaches, is in perfect consonance with our moral and
“civil duties, but that in a few instances an excessive Zeal in
“a good cause, and in others an ill judged fondness for in-
“temperate indulgences at our seasons of refreshment, may
“have injuriously affected the habits of some of our members,
“candor must acknowledge to be true. Masons are but men,
“and it is not therefore very surprising that amongst them, as
“amongst others, individuals may be found weak enough to
“pervert the institution and its accompaniments to improper
“purposes. I have remedies to propose wherever the evil
“exists, to the Lodge and to the individual. Let the Lodge
“place proper limitations on the duration of the time of re-
“freshment and suitable restrictions on the nature and extent
“of the indulgencies to be permitted. This will prevent a
“wasteful expenditure of funds which should be moderately
“applied to our own gratification, while the Widow and or-
“phan are supplicating for relief, and while the higher claims

“ of the society call for economy and care, in the preservation
 “ of our resources. It would also prevent our enjoyment from
 “ being the occasion of inconvenience to our families, and be
 “ one means of stopping the mouths of our enemies.

“ Let each individual also recollect, that if he suffers a de-
 “ generacy of character after his union with us, he is giving a
 “ dangerous wound to a body he has solemnly bound himself
 “ to defend and protect; that every sentiment the Lodge
 “ teaches is adverse to intemperance and idleness, and that
 “ Masonry ought to have the effect of increasing his respecta-
 “ bility and usefulness in every relation in life whose duties
 “ he is called upon to discharge. Will our younger brethren
 “ excuse for observing, that I believe many have been preju-
 “ diced by a mistaken Zeal and ardor, on their first entrance
 “ amongst us? with good motives they go from Lodge to Lodge
 “ till the practice of spending their evenings abroad, produces
 “ a neglect of domestic and other engagements and perhaps
 “ sometimes begets too great a relish for the festivities with
 “ which we close our Labours. Such should recur to the ex-
 “ cellent Lecture that was read to them on the day of their
 “ initiation, where it is prescribed as a leading duty of every
 “ Mason, that he is not to neglect his own necessary avocations
 “ for the sake of Masonry. I am understood I hope as censur-
 “ ing the excessive pursuit of this object, and not the temper-
 “ ate and steady devotion of the Members of our Lodges to the
 “ important interests of the Craft.

“ Now my Brethren, we solicit and invite your united Co-
 “ operation in earnest and well directed endeavours, to promote
 “ the cause of Masonry in general, and in particular, its estab-
 “ lishments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of
 “ Pennsylvania.

“ Give us your support by sending as your representatives
 “ in that body, Men capable of devising and executing plans
 “ calculated to increase its prosperity and dignity.

“ Impress upon them the necessity of a punctual attendance
 “ at our stated and special communications.

“ Take care that your Officers do not omit the proper returns
 “ of your Lodge in due season.

“Be careful to enforce your Bye Laws, especially in the Article of Dues, and admit no Members to exercise the elective franchise amongst you, if being of ability, and properly warned, he omit to discharge his arrears.

“Settle regularly at the close of each year, your Accounts with the Grand Lodge. It materially aids our resources, and will be found most convenient and agreeable to yourselves to be regular in the discharge of this Duty.

“Avoid useless expence, but after the work of Charity is attended to, do not neglect anything that may add to the decency and beauty of the Lodge.

“Be not inattentive to Order. It is as necessary to the Harmony and well being of the Lodge, as Health is to the continued existence of the Human Body.

“To this end, press upon your Members not only an avoidance of every thing that may be calculated to disturb the orderly transactions of your business in your Lodge, but also strict punctuality of attendance at your Hour of Meeting. How unpleasant it is to a lover of decency and Order to see our Holy Temple treated with the unceremonious freedom of a public Inn, by Brethren claiming Admission at the most unseasonable Hours.

“Let the utmost silence prevail during the conduct of your work. Every workman having taken his proper station, let him remain attentive to his Duties, and by no means let the master workman be interrupted or interfered with by less expert Hands. Such interference is embarrassing to the Master and mars the Order and regularity of the work.

“In your work, adhere with the most undeviating exactness to the Ancient Land Marks. Endeavour to promote a uniformity of working with your Sister Lodges, and such of you whose duty it is to Officiate, strive to be perfect yourselves, and to further the improvement of the Younger Brethren.

“Avoid undue warmth of discussion. It interrupts the Harmony of the Lodge, engenders personal Animosity, and frequently terminates in consequences, every where to be lamented, but no where so much to be deplored as in a society of Brothers.

“ Having thus cursorily glanced at a few heads of duty, of
 “ most of which we have pleasure in believing our Lodges not
 “ to have been hitherto unobservant, I congratulate you on
 “ the General prosperity of the craft, and on the maintenance
 “ of Harmony and good fellowship amongst you during the
 “ past year.

“ We wish them to be found pre-eminently reigning in this
 “ Lodge in Time to come.

“ May the Great Architect of the Universe prosper your
 “ praiseworthy exertions, and may you become a still brighter
 “ Star in the Hemisphere of Masonry.”

A Petition from Susannah Fraunces, Widow of Brother Samuel M. Fraunces, praying relief, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Bro^r. Joseph Gos, formerly a Member of N^o. 2, in the City of Nismes in Languedoc, praying relief, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of John Adolph Jugler, a Member of S^t. John's Lodge of Jerusalem, at Batavia, praying relief, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Bro^r. Robert Taylor, of Lodge N^o. 9, praying relief, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Committee of Accounts made Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“ To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“ The Committee of Accounts beg leave to Report, That
 “ they have examined the Account rendered by Bro^r. Thomas
 “ Armstrong, late Grand Treasurer, and having compared the
 “ same with the Debits furnished to them by Bro^r. Grand Sec-
 “ ratary and with the Vouchers delivered by Bro^r. Armstrong,
 “ and do find that there is in his Hands a balance in favour
 “ of the Grand Lodge of *One Hundred and Fifty Seven Dollars*
 “ *Fifty One Cents*, besides the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty
 “ Dollars he has paid to Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, the present
 “ Grand Treasurer, since January last.

“ Your Committee also Report that they have examined
 “ the Account rendered by Bro^r. Grand Secretary and com-
 “ pared it with the Vouchers and find that there is a balance

“ due him the 27th of December last, of *Two Dollars Seventy-One Cents.*

“ Your Committee also beg leave to Report, that they have examined the Accounts of Lodge N^o 52, and find that they are indebted to the Grand Lodge up to the Twenty Seventh of December last, in the Sum of *Three Hundred and Ninety Eight Dollars for Dues, Rent, &c.*

“ Your Committee have found on examining, the said Accounts had not been settled finally since the year 1793; That the Lodge had met with severe losses especially by the Death of their former Treasurer, Bro^r Price; That there are many Brethren who are convinced some Money was paid to Bro^r John M^cElwee, Grand Treasurer, by the said Bro^r Price, the receipt whereof can not be found; That the Lodge have hardly any Money in the Hands of their Treasurer but are willing and wishing to discharge their debt to the Grand Lodge as far as in their Power; That our worthy Bro^r Thomas Amies, a Member of the said Lodge is willing and Offers to pay to the Grand Lodge the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, for which he will give his note at Three Months, provided the R. W. Grand Lodge please to accept the same in full of the Dues of his said Lodge to S^t John's Day last.

“ Your Committee convinced of the difficulties Lodge N^o 52 labour under and the small number of attending Brethren, beg leave to recommend the R. W. Grand Lodge would accept the offer made so generously by Bro^r Thomas Amies. Philad^a. March 7th. 5808.

(Sign'd)

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ THO^s. HENNESSY.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said Report be adopted, and that Bro^r Thomas Amies's Note be accepted of, payable in Three Months for Two Hundred Dollars in full of the Grand Lodge Dues of Lodge N^o 52, up to S^t John's Day last.

The New Hall Committee made Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

“ The New Hall Committee beg leave to report that con-

“formably to the order of the R. W. Grand Lodge they have
“obtained the deed of the Lot situate on the North side of
“Chestnut Street, between Seventh and Eighth Streets as
“mentioned in their former report ; That William Waln, the
“owner, having desired to have half year’s Ground Rent paid
“in advance, allowing the discount, your Committee thought
“proper to accede to his request, and the R. W. Grand Master
“was pleased to draw on Bro^r. Grand Treasurer for the same,
“which they hope will meet the approbation of the Grand
“Lodge.

“That your committee have had several meetings on the
“subject of the building to be erected ; That having found
“that no certain engagement could be entered into with the
“Managers of the City dancing assembly, nor with any other
“Persons, they have consulted many respectable Brethren and
“friends, and have considered that it would be best to erect
“on the said Lot, at the distance of about One hundred feet
“from Chestnut Street, a handsome and convenient building
“adequate to the accommodations of the R. W. Grand Lodge,
“all the Lodges, the Grand H. R. A. Chapter, &c., also with
“sufficient rooms for the Tyler and his family. The intended
“building to be Eighty one feet in front and Sixty nine feet
“in depth, all the accommodations for the Grand and other
“Lodges to be on the second floor, and on the first floor there
“may be a Hall large enough for the Grand feasts, with other
“smaller rooms which may be occasionally rented with great
“advantage, besides the Cellars.

“Your Committee are of opinion that the lot being 101
“feet, 7 Inches in front on Chestnut Street, there might be
“sold two twenty feet lots at the East and West ends thereof
“which would leave an entrance of 21 feet, 7 Inches in the
“center, the said lots to be about seventy feet in depth, which
“would reduce the Price of purchase more than one half.

“Your Committee have submitted the plan proposed by
“Bro^r. Grand Secretary and by them adopted as the best cal-
“culated for the intended purpose and the most advantageous,
“to the same Carpenter who did build the German Hall, and
“the estimate made by him amounts to the sum of seventeen
“thousand, six hundred and ninety three dollars.

“From the exactness of the estimate, the said Gentleman made of the Costs of the German Hall, your Committee are led to suppose that the present one is near to the real cost as can be expected.

“Your Committee did not consider themselves Authorized to proceed any further. They submit their ideas and opinion to the consideration of the Grand Lodge. Should the Brethren determine to go on with the building as contemplated, a considerable assistance must be procured without delay, by subscription or Loan from the several Lodges or individual members, especially as the season is far advancing, and no time should be lost in order to have the building completed before December next.

“March 7th, 5808.

(Sign'd)

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ GEORGE A. BAKER.

“ THOMAS PASSMORE.

“ ROB^r. M^cCULLAGH.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That that part of the said Report which relates to the payment of Half a years Ground Rent in Advance for the Lot in Chestnut Street be approved, And that a Building for the use of this Grand Lodge of a Value not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars be erected on the rear of said Lot, the same to be proceeded on as early as possible in the Year 1809.

Resolved, That the said New Hall Committee be directed to call in the mean Time, on the different Lodges in the City and upon Brethren for their Subscriptions, either as Donations or Loans towards erecting the said Building. Said Monies when collected to be placed out in some productive Fund by the Grand Treasurer, with the Approbation of the R. W. Grand Master, and that they be Authorized to sell, and the Trustees to Convey, such parts of said Lot as the said Committee may think necessary. Also, to sell the Lot in Walnut Street, formerly the property of Bro^r. Dean, (who presented the same to this Grand Lodge,) and the Trustees thereof to Convey the

same, for the purpose of more effectually carrying the said Building into effect.

Bro^r. Bradford having signified a wish to decline serving as a Member of the New Hall Committee, Bro^r. Tybout was appointed in his room.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the Third Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st March, 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. G. M^r.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Lambert Ledant, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Sailer, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 102, 103 and 105 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of 1st January last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of 14th December last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut,

of 14th October last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, of 10th November last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Communications from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of 11th May and 9th November last, together with an Address of the R. W. Grand Master of Maryland, were read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, of 5th December last, containing certain Interrogatories to be put to the Rev^d. William M^cCrea, respecting Duncan M^cFarland, Esq^r. of Richmond County, North Carolina, was read; the said Interrogatories relating to charges made by the said William against the said Duncan, which were read in this Grand Lodge on the 15th September, 1806, and appear on the Minutes of that Communication, (Page 224).

Whereupon, Ordered, that the Grand Secretary inform the Grand Secretary of North Carolina and Tennessee, that the Rev^d. William M^cCrea is not now in the City of Philadelphia, but as soon as he shall return the said Communication, shall be attended to.

The Grand Secretary Reported that since S^t John's Day last, up to which time he had rendered his Account to the Committee of Accounts, he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, Viz :

For Dispensations,	\$20.
For Certificates,	3.46
For Books of Ahiman Rezon,	5.33
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Total,	\$28.79.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That conformably to the 22nd Article of the Regulations of this Grand Lodge and in compliance with a Resolution of the same of 28th December last, he had on the 8th Day of January last, Notified the following Lodges of their delinquency, to wit :

- Lodge N^o 11 held at London Grove Township, Chester C^o
 22 Sunbury.
 45 Pittsburgh.
 52 Philadelphia.
 61 Wilkesbarre.
 64 Greensburgh.
 65 Great Bend of Susquehannah.
 66 Robinson Township, Berks County.
 69 Chester.
 75 Pugh Town, Chester County.
 79 Chambersburgh.
 80 Sadsbury Township, Chester C^o
 85 Alexandria, Huntingdon County.
 94 New Hope, Coryell's Ferry.
 102 Joppa, Jenkin Town, Montgomery County.

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Richard Tybout, W. M.; Bro^r John Maul, S. W.; Bro^r Christopher Lindemuth, J. W.; Bro^r Blathwaite I. Shober, Secretary; Bro^r Thomas Passmore, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 5, held at Cantwells Bridge. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Richard Mansfield, W. M^r; Bro^r Alexander Briscoe, S. W.; Bro^r Joshua Bowen, J. W.; Bro^r Arnold S. Naudain, Secretary; Bro^r Leonard Vandegrift, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time, Amounting to \$13.93.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Daniel M^cKaraher, W. M^r; Bro^r William Wray, S. W.; Bro^r William Huckel, J. W.; Bro^r John Griffith, Secretary; Bro^r Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Robert M^cElwee, W. M.; Bro^r William Pitt Atlee, S. W.; Bro^r John Galligher, J. W.; Bro^r Samuel Reynold, Secretary; Bro^r Jacob Martin, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 50, held at West Chester. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Ephraim Buffington, W. M.; Bro^r. Daniel Hiestler, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Righter, J. W.; Bro^r. John Ewing Porter, Secretary; Bro^r. John Duer, Jun^r. Treasurer. Return of Members to S^t John's Day last, and returning the Expulsion of W—— D——, Esq^r. for Non payment of Lodge Dues, &c. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to the same Time, Amounting to \$21.39.

Lodge N^o 51, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Restoration or re-instatement of Bro^r. John N. D'Arcy and Bro^r. Thomas Humphreys, who had been before suspended for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N^o 54, held at Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania. A Letter from said Lodge dated 19th Decem^r. last, enclosing their Returns, &c., Viz: Election Return of December, 1806, returning Bro^r. John Wilson, W. M.; Bro^r. William Cooke, S. W.; Bro^r. David Morris, J. W.; Bro^r. James Ashbrook, Secretary; Bro^r. Alexander Reed, Treasurer. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Decem^r. 1806, Amounting to \$31.92.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John Sailer, W. M.; Bro^r. Atkinson Rose, S. W.; Bro^r. John Suter, J. W.; Bro^r. John Jennings, Secretary; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Treasurer. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge which were referr'd to the Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members up to S^t John's Day last. Account of their Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John Carter, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Vanderslice, S. W.; Bro^r. Adam Hammer, J. W.; Bro^r. John Hufty, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Thomas Norton, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Thompson, S. W.; Bro^r. Henry Eberle, J. W.; Bro^r. William A. Lee, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Deal, Treasurer.

A Communication of the Expulsions of J—— S——, W—— D——, M—— L——, for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N^o 88, held in the West Indies. A Communication from said Lodge, which proved to be a Duplicate of a former Communication from said Lodge, and was Ordered to be filed.

Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Robert Wellford, W. M.; Bro^r John Sweeny, S. W.; Bro^r Alexander M^cKenzie, J. W., Bro^r William M^cCullagh, Secretary; Bro^r Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time, containing the Expulsion of R—— T——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time, Amounting to \$242.51.

Lodge N^o 102, held at the Fox Chase, at Joppa in Jenkin Town, Montgomery County. Proceedings of the said Lodge respecting the removal thereof to the Borough of Frankford in the County of Philadelphia, agreed to by the Lodge but finally referr'd to this R. W. Grand Lodge for a decision thereon were read. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That said Lodge N^o 102, be Authorized to remove from Joppa, Montgomery County, to the Borough of Frankford in Philadelphia County.

Lodge N^o 108, held at Wysox and Orwell. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r George Scott, W. M.; Bro^r Josiah Grant, S. W.; Bro^r William B. Whitney, J. W.; Bro^r William Myer, Secretary; Bro^r Asahel Johnson, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to the same Time, Amounting to \$10.41. A Commission, Executed in due form, Appointing Bro^r George A. Baker to represent said Lodge as their Proxy in this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r Baker was recognized as such. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which were referred to the Committee on the Bye Laws to Examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from Bro^r John Burns, a Member of Lodge N^o 9, held in this City, containing a Complaint against Bro^r Thomas Passmore, was read.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro^r Burns have leave to withdraw his Letter as being premature.

The Committee Appointed on the 1st June, 1807, on Accounts of Lodge N^o. 62, held at Reading, made Report which was read, and is in the words following :

“ To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania :

“ We your Committee to whom was referred the Accounts “ of Lodge N^o. 62, held at Reading, Pennsylvania,

“ Beg leave to Report, That they have attentatively exam-
 “ ined the same, and that it appears there is a balance of One
 “ Hundred and Thirty Two Dollars and 23 Cents due the R.
 “ W. Grand Lodge to S^t John’s Day, December, 1806. Your
 “ Committee further beg leave to Report, that from the Re-
 “ turns of said Lodge, it appears that they have been extremely
 “ unfortunate in the delinquency of its Members in paying up
 “ their dues, some of the Members having gone off, others
 “ having become insolvent, so that a considerable loss has
 “ taken place to the Lodge. Your Committee are of Opinion
 “ that it would be Adviseable for the Grand Lodge to make
 “ them a deduction in their Grand Lodge Dues in consequence
 “ of their losses. Your Committee therefore offer the follow-
 “ ing Resolution :

“ Resolved that Lodge N^o. 62, held at Reading, paying
 “ Thirty Two Dollars and 23 Cents be exonerated from any
 “ further demands of the Grand Lodge.

“ S^t John’s Day, December, 1806.

“ Philad^a. March 7th, 1808.

(Sign’d)

“ EZEKIEL TAYLOR.

“ THOMAS PASSMORE.”

A Letter from Bro^r. William Bell, late W. M^r. of said Lodge N^o. 62, Dated Reading 29th December last, to Bro^r. Baker, Grand Secretary, was thereupon read, and is in the words following, to wit: “ I am now at a loss to know what to do
 “ or say about our Lodge. There has been no Election for
 “ Officers, and on S^t John’s Day only a few met, and in the
 “ manner the Brethren attend it seems a folly to continue to-
 “ gether any longer, and how that would be taken by the
 “ Grand Lodge we would wish to know, for Three or Four to

“meet and not be able to do any business, seems like pulling
“against the Wind and making no way ; at the same Time, I
“wish to mention that it is the Opinion of the most respectable
“part of the Brethren, that to continue in this way is doing no
“Honour to ourselves, nor any good to the Grand Lodge nor
“the Craft in General ; be pleased to communicate this to the
“Grand Lodge, and you will be so good and let me know
“their Opinion, but if that cant soon be done, you perhaps
“will be able to Answer this yourself. At the same Time, if
“the Committee has made Report on our Returns up till De-
“cember, 1806, I will thank you to let me know the result,
“and if anything due to the Grand Lodge.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved,
That the Resolution attached to the said Report of the said
Committee be not Adopted, and that said Lodge N^o. 62, be
notified as a Delinquent Lodge by Bro^r. Grand Secretary.

The Report of the Committee on the Application of David
Irving for a Grand Lodge Certificate was read. Whereupon,
it was resolved, that the said Report be re-committed to the
same Committee.

The Report of the Committee of Correspondence on Com-
munications from the R. W. Provincial Grand Master of St^t
Domingo and Cuba, and of Lodges N^o. 88 and 98 was read
and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn^a

“The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred
“sundry Communications from the R. W. Provincial Grand
“Master of St^t Domingo and Cuba, and from the Lodges N^o.
“88 and 98, Beg leave to Report,

“That they have examined the said Communications and
“find that the R. W. Provincial Grand Master, Mathieu
“Dupotet, by his Communication, dated East of Baracoa,
“Island of Cuba, Novem^r. 15th, 1806, as well in his own Name
“as in behalf of the R. W. Provincial Grand Lodge of St^t
“Domingo and Cuba, acknowledges the great favour done to
“them by the approving of their works and giving to their
“former powers an extension, whereby they are enabled to
“continue with regularity to watch over the many Brethren

“residing in a Country where Masonry was almost unknown,
“and wherein its progress must be but slow and difficult.

“The Provincial Grand Lodge have thought proper to per-
“mit the Lodge La Perseverance N^o 98, to resume their
“works at S^t Yago de Cuba, and pray the R. W. Grand Lodge
“would rescind so much of their resolution of April 7th, 1806,
“as Vacates the Warrant of the said Lodge.

“The Provincial Grand Master informs that the Grand
“Lodge have considered the other Addresses and Petitions of
“the Lodges N^o 88 and 98, and that at their special request
“they have been withdrawn and the Masonic Trowel has
“covered the dark Characters therein designed.

“He states that the Provincial Grand Lodge cannot
“sufficiently praise your Wisdom, in adopting the only means
“which could restore Harmony and without which, Masonry
“would have necessarily fallen in a state beyond remedy.
“They promise to do everything in their power to promote so
“good, so wise and so benevolent intentions, and will en-
“deavour to render themselves more and more worthy of the
“Confidence and approbation of the Grand Lodge.

“They are in hope the Grand Lodge will no more hear of
“works that, though they could not degrade Masonry, would
“require tedious and disagreeable proceedings to correct them.

“They promise also to collect and forward the Dues of the
“said Lodges, and beg the R. W. Grand Lodge would deign
“to accept their most sincere wishes for their Health, Pros-
“perity and Happiness.

“The Communication from Lodge ‘La Concorde’ N^o 88, is
“dated May 6th, 1807. They acknowledge the Receipt of the
“Communications forwarded by your Grand Committee of
“Correspondence, Authorizing them to continue their works,
“and approving those done before. They beg leave to tender
“to the R. W. G. Lodge their unfeigned thanks for the great
“favours conferred on them, and the Assurances of their un-
“bounded gratitude. They send a List of their Officers and
“Members on the 27th of December, 1806, Twenty Three
“in Number, besides absent and Honorary Members. They
“also annex a Copy of their proceedings at the installation of

“their Elected Officers on the 27th of December aforesaid.
 “They mention to have forwarded by a Bro^r named Wilcox,
 “a Member of this Grand Lodge, the Sum of Fifty Dollars,
 “which do not appear to have been received. They also
 “promise to be punctual in paying their Dues and profess the
 “greatest regard, Attachment and Submission to the R. W.
 “Grand Lodge and renew their best wishes for their prosperity.

“The Communication from Lodge “La Perseverance,” N^o.
 “98, is dated the 19th of April, 1807, on which Day, by Virtue
 “of the Authority given them by the R. W. Provincial Grand
 “Master and Grand Lodge at Baracoa, they have resumed their
 “works and proceeded to the installation of their Officers at a
 “meeting called for the purpose, which was attended by a
 “Deputation from Concordia Lodge, N^o. 88, and many other
 “Visitors. Every Brother has been very sensible of the
 “Gratitude they owe to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
 “vania for their favours and Motherly Attention. By a Letter
 “from the said Lodge to their Proxy, Bro^r Duplessis, dated
 “the 11th of December last past, they mention to have written
 “to the R. W. Provincial Grand Lodge, to advise them how
 “they are to send \$50 to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and they
 “acknowledge the receipt of sundry Communications for-
 “warded to them by their said Proxy.

“Philadelphia, March 7, 5808.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“THO^s HENNESSY.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved,
 That so much of a Resolution of this Grand Lodge passed the
 7th April, 1806, as Vacated the Warrant of Lodge N^o. 98 be
 rescinded.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on divers
 Communications from Grand Lodges referred to them, which
 Report was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Penn^a :

“The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred
 “sundry Communications from the R. W. G. Lodges of
 “Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, New
 “Hampshire and England, beg leave to Report.

“That they have examined the said Communications and
“find that the Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodge
“of Kentucky of October 6, 1806, and of August 26, 1807,
“contain printed Copies of proceedings, Lists of Lodges, of
“Suspensions, Rejections and Expulsions. They contain also
“New Regulations as adopted October 7, 1806, on which Day
“their General Election took place, but the G. Lodge Ad-
“journd the same Day without mention being made of In-
“stallation, to the last Wednesday in August next (1807). It
“appears that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky have some
“differences with the G. Lodge of North Carolina and Tennes-
“see about the right of Jurisdiction assumed by the G. Lodge
“of North Carolina over the State of Tennessee.

“The Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of Virginia,
“of March 1st 1807, contain their Opinion concerning the
“Communication from the G. Lodge of North Carolina about
“establishing a Supreme Superintending Grand Lodge. That
“the establishment of a National Grand Lodge with controul-
“ing powers over the respective Grand Lodges in the U. States
“is improper and inexpedient; but they conceive extremely
“expedient and proper that a Grand Convention of Masons
“from the various Grand Lodges of the U. States should be
“held, not oftener than Once in Three years, at the City of
“Washington for the purpose of recommending an uniform
“mode of carrying on the great work of the Craft in the dif-
“ferent Degrees of Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master
“Mason, the said Grand Convention to take place as soon as
“Two Thirds of the Grand Lodges at present established in
“the U. States shall concur in the said Opinion at the place
“aforesaid, the Deputation from their G. Lodge not to exceed
“Three Members.

“They have also appointed District Deputy G. Masters to
“visit all the Lodges within their several districts, to preside
“in the Lodge, examine their Records, to make all proper en-
“quirey, to point out Errors, to instruct them in every par-
“ticular wherein he may conceive them to be in need of it, to
“recommend attention to the Moral and Benevolent principle
“of Our institution, Caution in the Admission of Candidates,

“and a punctual representation of their Lodge at every meeting of the G. Lodge; to make a candid and faithful report of the state of each Lodge in his District, and forward it to the Grand Secretary to be laid before the Grand Lodge. Their last constituted Lodge is N^o. 78.

“The said Communication contains as usual lists of Suspensions, rejections and Expulsions, also of Deaths. The Grand Lodge respectfully solicits the Opinion of the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania as to the appointment of the District Deputy Grand Masters, or any other means to secure the objects for which it is made, &c.

“The Communication from the G. Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, of December, 1806, contains their proceedings and their general Election on the 5th of said Month, and the installation of their New Grand Officers. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master is elected. There appear to be 32 Lodges under the Jurisdiction of that G. Lodge, Four of which are in the State of Tennessee, several Lodges having been Vacated, as their last Number is 50.

“The Communications of the R. W. G. Lodge of New Hampshire, are of June 1st and July 4th, 1807. That of June 1st is a Circular to the Lodges under their jurisdiction. Amongst other objects it appears that the R. W. Grand Lodge wish to extend their Act of Incorporation so as to operate for the general benefit of all subordinate Lodges, &c. A Committee appointed to consider the above, reported on the 4th Wednesday of January, 1807, which Report being read, met with considerable opposition under different Ideas, nothing further appears to have been done.

“The Quarterly Communication to be holden in January yearly, to be called the General Assembly of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, Charters to be granted at no other Time.

“It mentions that Masonry is now better understood and more flourishing than ever in New Hampshire.

“The other Communication contains a Masonic and social Address pronounced by Our Worthy Bro^r. George Richards, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, before the M. W.

“Thomas Thompson, Esq^r” Grand Master of the M. W. Grand
“Lodge of New Hampshire, &c., at the laying of the Corner
“Stone of St^t John’s Episcopal Church in Ample Form, at
“Portsmouth on the 24th June, 5807. It is worthy of its
“Author; it contains the Order and Arrangement of the Pro-
“cession, the inscriptions on the plate and on the reverse.
“The Communication contains also a few additional Regula-
“tions adopted by the said Grand Lodge concerning the Fees
“to be received by the subordinate Lodges for Initiations,
“Passing and Raising, also the Fees to be paid to the Grand
“Lodge.

“The Three Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodge
“of England, of March 4th, June 3rd and September 2nd, 1807,
“do contain the usual Communication. The Grand Feast on
“St^t John’s Day, June 24th last, was Honoured by the pres-
“ence of the Duke of Athol, M. W. Grand Master. The Com-
“munication of September 2nd contains a Report of a Com-
“mittee appointed to consider certain representations and
“Official Documents transmitted by the R. W. Grand Lodge
“of Ireland to the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in March last
“as follows: ‘That for some Time past a riotous and turbu-
“lent faction has existed amongst the Fraternity in Ireland,
“but which more particularly manifested itself on the 5th of
“June, 1806, when a Number of Persons, at that Time un-
“known to the Grand Lodge though claiming to be Free
“Masons, from the North of that Kingdom, did assemble and
“obtrude themselves into the Grand Lodge and there at-
“tempted by force of numbers alone, to pass certain resolutions
“subversive of the true principles and Usages of Masonry, and
“the said persons after the G. Lodge had been duly closed by
“the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens at a late
“Hour, and after the Grand Officers and most of the Repre-
“sentatives of the Dublin Lodges had retired, did affect to re-
“open the Grand Lodge to rescind several of its solemn and
“deliberate Acts, to remove from their situation Two of the
“most respectable Officers of the G. Lodge, and to substitute
“other persons in their places, contrary to the established Laws
“and Usages of the Craft, and that Alexander Seton, late

“Deputy Grand Secretary, appears to have been at the head
 “of and acting, aiding and assisting in said illegal faction,
 “and when called upon to deliver up the muniments and
 “property in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, re-
 “fused to comply therewith. Whereupon, the Grand Lodge
 “of Ireland upon the 2nd Day of April last, Expelled the said
 “A——S——, from all his Masonic Rights and Privileges.’
 “Which Report being presented by the said Committee at the
 “Quarterly Communication on the 3^d of June, the Grand
 “Lodge Unanimously Adopted the following Resolution which
 “was at the Meeting unanimously confirmed, Viz :

“That this R. W. Grand Lodge shall not upon any Account
 “receive or acknowledge any Certificate issued by and under
 “the Hands of the said A——S——, bearing Date at any
 “Time subsequent to the 5th of June, 1806, neither shall any
 “person by Virtue of such Certificate be thereby received into
 “any Lodge under the sanction of this R. W. Grand Lodge,
 “nor shall any such person receive the Honours of Masonry
 “amongst us.

“The Communication also contains the names of the Grand
 “Officers of Ireland for the year 1807.

“Philad^a, March 7th, 1808.

(Sign’d)

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ THO^a. HENNESSY.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That
 a similar Resolution as that of the Grand Lodge of England
 be now adopted, and that a Copy of said Resolution be trans-
 mitted to each of the Subordinate Lodges in this City.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Com-
 mittee of Accounts be Authorized to make an Allowance of
 Twenty Seven Dollars to the Royal Arch Chapter N^o 52, in
 their Account of Rent, for Expenditures made by them in
 fitting up the Room for the Royal Arch.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Com-
 mittee of Correspondence be directed to write to the several
 Grand Lodges informing them of the Number who have Co-
 incided in Opinion of Meeting in Grand Convention in the

City of Philadelphia, and that the said Meeting be held in November instead of May, 1808.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th June, A. D. 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ William Ball, Esq^r.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. } R. W. Past Grand Masters.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Dep. G^r. Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Thomas Hennessy, W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Robert Pullen, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Robert M^cCullagh, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 21, 45, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 84, 88, 91, 103, 105 and 106 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Adjourned Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 21st March last, were read and approved. It appeared by the said Minutes that the said Committee granted to Susannah Fraunces, Widow of the late Bro^r. Samuel M. Fraunces, the sum of \$10.

The New Hall Committee made Report in the Words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The new Hall Committee beg leave to Report,

“That they have attended to the business of their appointment, have had several Meetings, have made considerable progress in the Subscription opened for the Individual Members of the Society ; that the prospect is flattering.

“That the Committee have made enquirey concerning the Materials, and find that the necessary Lumber should be procured as soon as possible, that the same may be duly Seasoned, which cannot be done until the R. W. Grand Lodge shall have adopted a plan, agreeably to which only the Bill of Lumber can be made out. That the Committee should be Authorized to contract for Materials, and with the different workmen, in order to avoid every sort of disappointment injurious to the interest of the Grand Lodge.

“That the Committee are of Opinion that the Building should be covered with Slate, which would be the means of rendering it more secure and of effecting the Insurance at a much lower premium.

“Your Committee beg leave to recommend the adopting of the following resolutions.

1. “Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adopt the plan of a Building, Eighty One Feet in Front by Sixty Nine Feet in Depth, as submitted to their Consideration by the New Hall Committee on the Seventh Day of March last past.

2. “Resolved, That the New Hall Committee be Authorized to contract, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, for all necessary Materials and with the different workmen, and that such Contracts shall be binding on the Grand Lodge.

3. “Resolved, That the Grand Lodge consider it highly expedient that the New Hall be covered with Slate, and that the Committee are requested to have it done accordingly.
“June 6th, 5808.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“GEORGE A. BAKER.

“RICHARD TYBOUT.

“ROBERT M^cCULLAGH.

“THOMAS PASSMORE.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Resolutions recommended by the said Report be Considered separately.

The First Resolution being read and Considered was Unanimously Adopted.

The Second Resolution being read it was Resolved, that the further Consideration thereof be postponed to the Grand Quarterly Communication in September next.

The Third Resolution being read, it was Resolved that the further Consideration thereof be postponed to the Grand Quarterly Communication in September next.

On Motion Made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence in their Communication to the different Grand Lodges, state the Grand Convention to be held in the City of Philadelphia on the First Monday of May next, instead of November next.

A Petition was receiv'd from a Bro^r. Thomas Sheppard praying relief. On Consideration it was Resolved, that he have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition was read from divers Brethren praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Connelsville in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to be called "Youghiogania Lodge," and that Bro^r. Thomas G. Gibson may be named Master; Bro^r. David Stewart, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Joseph Gibson, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge,

It was On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the said Lodge be Numbered 110.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the New Hall Committee be instructed to Advertise for proposals to be given in from the different Builders as to the Expence of Erecting the New Hall, And that they Report at the next Communication, a statement of what funds they are possessed of either by Subscription or otherwise in Order to carry the same into Effect.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.,
to the Third Monday in July next at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

St. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Friday, 24th June, A. D 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communica-
tion.

Present :

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. M.,
in the Chair.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ William Wray, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Peter Grant, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 98, 103, 105 and 108 repre-
sented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was
Opened in due Form.

The R. W. D. G. Master communicated that the R. W. G.
Master had requested him to inform the Brethren, that by rea-
son of his being engaged in some Causes which were expected
to come on at Court, he would be deprived of the pleasure of
meeting them this Morning.

The Lodges being called on to present their Returns, the
following Election Returns were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. Thomas
Rayner, W. M.; Bro^r. William Maguire, S. W.; Bro^r. John
Cluley, J. W.; Bro^r. John Phillips, Secretary ; Bro^r. Robert
Pullen, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. Richard

Tybout, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Maull, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Worman, J. W.; Bro^r. Christⁿ. Jacob Burkle, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Passmore, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 9, held at Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. William Wray, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Thomas Entrikin, S. W.; Bro^r. George Reed, J. W.; Bro^r. John Griffith, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. Jacob Erringer, W. M.; Bro^r. Seth Price, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Elliott, J. W.; Bro^r. James M. Linnard, Secretary; Bro^r. William T. Donaldson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. Joseph M^cMullin, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Smith, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Wallace, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Bussier, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 59, held at Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. James M^cCurdy, W. M.; Bro^r. Philip Reilly, S. W.; Bro^r. Hugh Sloan, J. W.; Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r. Secretary; Bro^r. Philip Boyle, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. Nicholas M^cHenry, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert Johnson, S. W.; Bro^r. John Daragh, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secretary; Bro^r. John Johnson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. Jacob Vanderslice, W. M.; Bro^r. Thomas Waterman, S. W.; Bro^r. Frederick Meyers, J. W.; Bro^r. John Snyder, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 73, held at Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. Simon Chaudron, W. M.; Bro^r. J. L. Pageot, S. W.; Bro^r. L. Houard, J. W.; Bro^r. John B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Chauveau, Treasurer.

Bro^r. Duplessis from the New Hall Committee informed the Grand Lodge that the R. W. Past Grand Master Ball had offered to the said Committee the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars in Cash for the Lot formerly Brother Deans, which was the highest Offer which had been made in Cash and requested to know whether it was the pleasure of the Grand Lodge to accept of Bro^r. Balls Offer.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, It was Unanimously Resolved, That the said Offer be accepted.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge did not meet according to Adjournment on the Third Monday in July.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th September, 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. Master.
 “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Richart Tybout, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Passmore, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.
 “ ———, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.
 “ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. } R. W. P. G. Masters.
 “ William M. Ball, }

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 84, 91, 96, 102, 103, 105, 108 and 100 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Grand General Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 15th Ultimo were read and Approved of. It appeared by the said Minutes that the said Committee granted to Sarah Cox, Widow of the late Bro^r. W^m. Cox.

late Member of Lodge N ^o . 51,	\$10.
and to Bro ^r . Patrick M ^c Donald, of Orange Lodge N ^o . 116, at Guernsey,	10.
Total	<u>\$20.</u>

The Petition of Henry Rees, formerly a Member of Lodge N^o. 72, craving Assistance, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The Grand Secretary Reported, that from the Grand Quarterly Communication in March last, to the Grand Quarterly Communication in June last, he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, Viz :

For Dispensations,	\$25.
For Certificates,	12.11.
For Books of Ahiman Rezon,	1.33.
Of Lodge N ^o . 83, Wayne County,	20.72.
Total	<u>\$59.16.</u>

Said Report was presented at the Quarterly Communication in June last, and lay over among the unfinished business of that Meeting.

The Grand Secretary Reported, that since the last Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, Viz :

For Dispensations,	\$10.
For Certificates,	8.65.
For Books of Ahiman Rezon,	4.
Of Lodge N ^o . 43, held at Lancaster,	24.14.
Total	<u>\$46.79.</u>

Which said Reports were Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

Two Communications from the Grand Lodge of England of 28th December last and 2nd March last, were read and Or-

dered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. Said Communication of 2nd March contains the following Expulsions, Viz: J— W—, by Lodge N^o. 194, London; W— S—, N^o. 7, Woolwich; J— P—, N^o. 340, Second Battalion of the 34th Regiment.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of 28th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicated the Names of their Grand and other Officers for the present year; Also, the Number of Lodges under their Jurisdiction being 21, and the Expulsions of J— H—, by Lodge N^o. 322, in the 29th Reg^t. of Foot; J— K—, by Wentworth Lodge N^o. 32.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of 13th July last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon. It communicated the Expulsions of P— P—, by Franklin Lodge N^o. 6; Z— F—, A— P—, Hiram Lodge N^o. 9; D— L—, Blazing Star Lodge N^o. 11; J— K—, King Solomon's Lodge N^o. 14 suspend^d. And it contained the Names of their Grand Officers for the present Year and a List of their Lodges, being 15 in Number.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of 1st June last, was read; referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon. It communicated the Names of their Grand Officers for the present Year, And the Expulsions of J— M—, by Lodge N^o. 37; T— M. W—, by Lodge N^o. 60; J— C. L—, by Lodge N^o. 67; R— P—, by Lodge N^o. 69.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, of 27th April last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee for the Year 1807, were received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon. It communicated the Names of their Grand Officers for the present year, the Expulsion of H— B. J—, by Lodge N^o. 30, at Wilmington, And the Number of Lodges under their Jurisdiction, being 33.

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, Viz :
Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia, Viz : Return of Members to 27th December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to the same Time.

Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburgh. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. William Murray, W. M.; Bro^r. Frederick Kleckner, S. W.; Bro^r. John Alexander Steley, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Bryan, Secretary ; Bro^r. Isaac Mytinger, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Robert M^cElwee, W. M.; Bro^r. William P. Atlee, S. W., Bro^r. Gustavus Joy, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Reynolds, Secretary ; Bro^r. Jacob Martin, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time, Amounting to \$24.14. A Letter from Bro^r. James Burd, a Member of said Lodge N^o. 43, containing a complaint against Bro^r. Jeremiah Mosier, a Member of the same Lodge, was read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Lodge N^o. 50, held at West Chester. A Communication from said Lodge was read, informing of the restoration of Dennis Whelen. Also, a Communication informing that a certain Daniel Smith, who superintends a Carding Machine at Dowingstown, and who pretends to have been made a Mason in the Constellation Lodge in the State of New York, had applied to said Lodge N^o. 50 to be admitted as a Visitor, and that upon a strict examination there appeared just reason to believe that he was an imposter.

A Letter from the said Daniel Smith to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York was thereupon read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“DOWINGSTOWN, Chester County, State of Pennsylvania.

“ Dear Friend :

“ In the Month of December, 1806, I call'd on you as you
“ were the Secretary of the G. L., and by your referring to
“ your Documents you will perhaps find I deposited my
“ Diploma from Constellation Lodge and receive one from
“ the Grand Lodge of New York from under your hand. You

"no doubt recollect that Constellation Lodge has no Number.
 "I made application to enter a Lodge in this County, sitting
 "at West Chester, No. 50, formerly at the White Horse, and
 "because I had no Number to my Lodge that I was made in,
 "I was rejected and returned on their Minutes a Clandestine,
 "or something to the same effect, and reported to the different
 "Lodges of the U. S. I therefore earnestly beseech you to
 "communicate to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and ex-
 "plain the cause of their not being all numbered in York
 "State, And also demand of this Grand Lodge to call to an
 "Account this Lodge at West Chester for their usage towards
 "me, As I demanded a Committee a second Time to exam-
 "ine me, but they positively refused, as they said there could
 "be no lawful Mason without a Number to the Lodge. It is
 "now a duty incumbent on you to assist and free me from
 "this trouble, and an immediate Communication will be
 "thankfully Acknowledged by your most Obedient Friend
 "and Humble Serv^t (Sign'd) "DAN^t SMITH.
 "To John Wells, Secretary of the
 "Grand Lodge, City of New York :''

A Letter from the Grand Secretary of New York to Bro^r Baker, Grand Secretary, was then read, and is in the words following, to wit :

NEW YORK, 30 May, A. L. 5808.

"R. W. Brother,

"The enclosed Letter I received a few days ago from the
 "Brother who will hand you this, he having, since he wrote
 "it, come on to this City himself. The Nature of his com-
 "plaint you will perceive from the Letter itself, and whatever
 "other information you may want from him, he will of course
 "afford you. I do not know that there is anything on the
 "subject that I can add, except to confirm the circumstances
 "respecting his Certificate which are stated by him in his
 "Letter. Great irregularity in the Numbering of our Lodges
 "having taken place, no numbers for several years past have
 "been added to the Lodges that have been established in our
 "State. Constellation Lodge is of this description, and I
 "made a special Memorandum to that effect on the Certificate

“I gave to B^r. Smith. He feels the conduct of the Lodge towards him, of which he complains, an imputation on his Masonic Character which he is desirous of having removed in a proper manner; you will therefore have the goodness to suggest to him the measures which it will be proper for him to take for that purpose.

“The usual Masonic Communications from the Grand Lodge of this State to that of Pennsylvania, have for some Time past been suspended, owing to causes unnecessary now to enumerate; but it is my intention immediately after the next Meeting of Our Grand Lodge, which takes place this Week, to renew them on our part, and to continue them with punctuality.

“I am, &c.,

(Sign'd)

“JOHN WELLS,

“Grand Secretary of the
“Grand Lodge of the
“State of New York.”

Whereupon, On Consideration, Ordered, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary transmit to Lodge N^o. 50, Copies of the said Letters from Bro^r. Smith to the Grand Secretary of New York, and from the Grand Secretary of New York to Bro^r. Baker.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Returns of June last, returning Bro^r. William Page, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Thomas Page, S. W.; Bro^r. John B. N. Smith, J. W.; Bro^r. Matthew R. Calbraith, Secretary; Bro^r. Issacher Evans, Treasurer. A Communication from said Lodge informing of the Expulsion of W—— H—— W——, for Unmasonic Conduct. Ordered, that the same lie on the Table until Lodge N^o. 51 shall have given Notice to Bro^r. W—— of his Expulsion.

Lodge N^o. 64, held at Greensburg. A Letter from said Lodge of 14th May last, informing that the labours of the Lodge recommenced and submitted to the Grand Lodge, their being exonerated from the payment of Grand Lodge Dues during the Time their Labours had ceased. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee of Accounts to ex-

- amine and Report thereon. Election Return of said Lodge of December last, returning Bro^r. Robert Williams, W. M.; Bro^r. Henry Wise, S. W.; Bro^r. William M^cGranaghan, J. W.; Bro^r. Alexander Johnston, Secretary; Bro^r. John Stewart, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsions of S—— B—— and T—— B——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.
- Lodge N^o. 66, held in Robesan Township, Berks County. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Matthias Kaler, Esq^r. W. M.; Bro^r. Charles Cramp, S. W.; Bro^r. Hugh Jones, J. W.; Bro^r. Clement Brooke, Secretary; Bro^r. John Jones, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Atkinson Rose, W. M.; Bro^r. John Suter, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Lippincott, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Friel, Secretary; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o. 75, held at Pugh Town, Chester County. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Lewis Evans, W. M.; Bro^r. David Evans, S. W.; Bro^r. George Staitler, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Townsend, Secretary; Bro^r. Hugh Strickland, Treasurer. Return of Members up to December last, containing the Expulsions of P—— S—— and R—— B——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time, Amounting to \$50.27.
- Lodge N^o. 80, held in Sadsbury Township, Chester C^o. A Letter from Bro^r. John Searight, a Member of said Lodge, dated 25th June last, was read. It contain'd certain complaints against Bro^r. Andrew Charles, late Master of said Lodge. On Consideration, Ordered, that the same be re-ferr'd to the Committee already appointed to Visit said Lodge and make examination respecting their proceedings, Consisting of Bro^r. Duplessis, the R. W. D. G. M., and Bro^r^m. Pullen and Bob.
- Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Samuel Deal, W. M.; Bro^r. Henry Eberle, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Billger, J. W.; Bro^r. William A. Lee, Secretary; Bro^r. John M^cClune, Treasurer.
- Lodge N^o. 83, held at Damascus, Wayne County. Election

Return of December, 1806, returning Bro^r. Freeman Allen, W. M.; Bro^r. David Brown, S. W.; Bro^r. Israel Mannington, J. W.; Bro^r. James Seely, Secretary; Bro^r. Moses Thomas, Treasurer. Return of Members to the same Time, containing the rejections of D—— C——, J—— M—— and R—— B——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time, Amounting to \$20.72.

Lodge N^o. 85, held at Alexandria, Huntingdon C^o. A Letter from said Lodge, dated 12th August last, informing of their having sent \$30, on Account of their Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. W. M^r.; Bro^r. Alexander M^cKenzie, S. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Edwin, J. W.; Bro^r. William M^cCullagh, Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 100, held at Catawissa, Northumb^d. County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Philip Moyer, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Gabriel Lount, S. W.; Bro^r. Theophilus Hughes, J. W.; Bro^r. Hezekiah Boone, Secretary; Bro^r. Christian Brobst, Treasurer. Return of Members to June last, containing the rejection of T—— S——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to said Time, Amounting to \$14.8.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Frankford. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to Dec^r. last, Amounting to \$76.61.

Lodge N^o. 104, held in Strasburg Township, Lancaster C^o. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Joseph Lefever, W. M.; Bro^r. Joel Lightner, S. W.; Bro^r. Nathaniel W. Sample, J. W.; Bro^r. Dennis M^cMacken, Secretary; Bro^r. George Ekert, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming C^o. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Samuel Coleman, W. M.; Bro^r. John Cummings, S. W.; Bro^r. James Cummings, J. W.; Bro^r. William Brindle, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Williams, Treasurer. Return of Members to the same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time \$19.52.

A Return to the Dispensation granted to Constitute Lodge N^o. 109, held at S^t. Genevieve, Louisiana Territory was read,

whereby it appears that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 14th November last.

A Return to the Dispensation granted to Constitute Lodge N^o. 110, held at Connelsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, was read, whereby it appears that the said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 1st July last.

The Grand Secretary Reported that of those Delinquent Lodges which were notified by him of their Delinquency on the 8th January last, and whereof he made Report to this Grand Lodge on the 21st March last, the following Lodges had made payments, &c., Viz :

- Lodge N^o. 52, Philadelphia, settled in full to Dec^r. last.
- “ N^o. 64, Greensburg, paid \$20 on Account.
- “ N^o. 66, Berks County, paid \$26 on Account.
- “ N^o. 75, Pugh Town, paid \$15 on Account.
- “ N^o. 85, Alexandria, paid \$30 on Account.
- “ N^o. 102, Frankford, paid \$70 on Account.

But that no Communications nor any Monies had been received from any of the other Lodges so notified, being the following Lodges, to wit :

- N^o. 11 held at London Grove, Chester County.
- 22 “ Sunbury.
- 45 “ Pittsburgh.
- 61 “ Wilkesbarre.
- 65 “ Great Bend of Susquehannah.
- 69 “ Chester.
- 79 “ Chambersburgh.
- 80 “ Sadsbury, Chester County.
- 94 “ New Hope, Coryells Ferry.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Vacation of the Warrants of the said Delinquent Lodges be postponed until S^t John's Day in December next.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire and Report what Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have heretofore been constituted when they were so constituted, and their respective places of meeting, which of the said Lodges have been vacated or otherwise become extinct and which of them remain in full

standing, the Amount, (so far as it is practicable to be ascertained,) of the Dues owing by each Lodge, when they have severally last communicated with the Grand Lodge, and generally into the circumstances and situation of all the Lodges out of the City of Philadelphia. Bro^m Baker, Hennessy, Passmore, John B. N. Smith and Phillips were app^d to be that Committee.

Bro^r Grand Secretary Reported, That he had Notified Lodge N^o. 62, held at Reading of their Delinquency, on the 8th August last.

Bro^r Duplessis on behalf of the New Hall Committee Reported, that the said Committee had made considerable progress in the business given them in charge and prayed further Time to Report finally.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Resolution of the 24th June last, Authorizing the New Hall Committee to sell the Lot, late Bro^r Deans, to Bro^r Ball be rescinded, and that the said Committee have leave to sell the same as soon as possible.

Brother Thomas Passmore offered the following Resolutions, to wit :

“Resolved, that Application be made to Legislature of the
“State of Pennsylvania, to grant this R. W. G. Lodge permis-
“sion to raise by way of a Lottery, the Sum of Twenty Thou-
“sand Dollars, to be applied to the erection of a New Masonic
“Hall, and paying off the whole or a part of the Ground
“Rent on the Lot in Chestnut Street, lately purchased of Wil-
“liam Waln.

“Resolved, that application be made to the Legislature of
“the State of Pennsylvania to pass an Act Authorizing, (on
“behalf of this R. W. G. Lodge,) to transfer and give a good
“Title to the Lot of Ground situated at the South West
“Corner of Walnut and Twelfth Streets, formerly the property
“of Bro^r Dean.

“Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to carry the
“foregoing Resolutions into effect.”

Which Resolutions were Ordered to lie over for Consideration to the next Adjourned Communication. Resolved, that

the Consideration of the 2nd and 3rd Resolutions, Offered by the New Hall Committee on the 6th June last, and postponed for Consideration to this Communication, be further postponed to the next Adjourned Communication.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of making Application to the Trustees of the Legacy devised by the late John Kelele for Charitable purposes, for a portion of the said Legacy for the Charity Fund of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the R. W. Past Grand Master, Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq^r.; Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and Bro^r. William Page, W. Master of Lodge N^o. 51, be the Committee for the above purpose.

Bro^r. Pullen stated that Doct^r. George Green had lately received a Certificate from the Grand Lodge of England, whereby it appeared that his former Certificate, which, agreeably to a Resolution of this G. L. was sent to the said Grand Lodge of England, was genuine and requested that an entry might be made thereof on the Minutes. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the same be refer'd to the Committee already appointed on Bro^r. Green's business, to examine and Report. The said Committee consists of Bro^{rs}. Kinnan, Rayner, Pullen, Wolbert and Robert McCullagh.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the First Monday in October next at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 15th September, A. D. 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present.

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

- Bro^r. Andrew Tybout, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 “ Thomas Elliott, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ Atkinson Rose, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ Robert Pullen, Grand Sword Bearer.
 “ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 81, 84, 88, 100, 103, 105 and 108 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of taking into Consideration a Petition which had been received praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at the Town of S^t Louis in the Territory of Louisiana.

Said Petition was thereupon read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at the Town of S^t Louis aforesaid, to be named and styled “Saint Louis Lodge,” and that His Excellency Meriwether Lewis, Esq^r. Governor of the said Territory of Louisiana, might be named Master; Bro^r. Thomas Fivcash Riddick, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Rufus Easton, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and recommended by the Louisiana Lodge N^o. 109, agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the said Lodge be N^o. 111.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master presented a Petition which was transmitted to him from New Orleans, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

“The Petition of Louis John Susson, John Zanico and “Peter Ambruse Cuvillier, formerly Members of the W. “Lodge N^o. 47, and called Union of Franco American Hearts, “formerly had at Port au Prince in the Island of S^t Domingo

“under the Warrant and Authority of your Right Worshipful
“Grand Lodge, Humbly Sheweth :

“That your Petitioners having been driven away from their
“Country by the late events which expelled all the White In-
“habitants from the Island of St^e Domingo, they took their
“refuge in the Bosom of the United States, where their
“Countrymen have ever found the most generous assistance
“and Hospitality during the whole course of their Misfortunes.

“That Chance conducted some of the Members of Worship-
“ful Lodge Number 47, to New Orleans on the Banks of the
“Mississippi River, and that the same good luck made them
“find in the possession of One of them, the Warrant delivered
“by Your W. G. Lodge to the said Lodge N^o 47, and regis-
“tered in the Book of Registry of Your Warrants, Fol. 291,
“&c., a Faithful Copy of which will be annexed to this Petition.

“And Whereas your Petitioners are strongly impressed with
“a desire of contributing as much as possible to the Glory of
“the Royal Craft, they Resolved to apply to your Worshipful
“Grand Lodge in Order to be Authorized to resume their
“works at New Orleans under the same Number and Denomi-
“nation as they did in Port au Prince, untill they may be
“enabled to hold them in the latter place, and for that pur-
“pose they have associated to them the other Masons whose
“Signatures are affixed to this Petition.

“Wherefore, they pray your right Worshipful Grand Lodge
“to grant them the Authorization which may be necessary to
“them for performing the object mentioned in the Petition,
“and in Case the above prayer should suffer any objection,
“your Petitioners pray your Worshipful Lodge to grant them
“a Warrant for establishing a New Lodge here under the
“Name of the desired re-union.

“Done at New Orleans this Fifth Day of August, A. C. One
“Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight, and of Masonry 5808.

(Sign'd)

“SUSSON, Master.

“J^s. PITOT.

“ZANICO, S. W.

“M. PACAUD.

“CUVILLIER, J. W.

“CHAMAU.

“CHARLES MARTY.

“EDWARD BROOKS.

“L. MORCAU.”

Which Petition was duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That a Warrant be granted for holding a Lodge at New Orleans agreeably to the prayer of the said Petition, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the said Lodge be N^o. 112.

Resolved, That the Brother who shall be Deputed to Constitute said Lodge N^o. 112, be directed to receive from the above named Petitioners, the Warrant of the late Lodge N^o. 47, and that he transmit the same to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3^d October, A. D. 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Thomas Passmore, R. W. J. Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ William Wray, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. G^r. Secretary.

“ Peter Grant, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ William Ball, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 84, 88, 91, 93, 103, 105 and 108 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

A Communication from the G. L. of Lower Canada, of 1st September, was read and refer'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the G. L. of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, of 26th September, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Election Return of Lodge N^o 102, held at Frankford, of June last, was read, returning Bro^r. Jacob Bull, W. M.; Bro^r. Charles Hicks, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Whitaker, J. W.; Bro^r. John Worrell, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Worrell, Treasurer.

The Committee appointed on the 2nd February, 1807, on the Petition of James Park and John Gormly, respecting irregular proceedings of the M^r. of Lodge N^o 80, held in Sadsbury Township, Chester County, made Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

“To the R. W. the G. L. of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

“The Committee appointed to proceed to and attend at the place of meeting of Unity Lodge N^o 80, with Powers and Authority to call for the Books and papers of the Lodge for examination and inspection, and to examine respecting the different complaints against the said Lodge and their late W. M^r. Andrew Charles,

“Beg leave to Report:

“That in compliance with their Appointment, they attended at the last Stated Meeting of said Lodge, on the 9th of the last Month; that having arrived at the House where the Lodge is usually held on the Evening of the Day previous to the meeting, they sent an Express, with a Letter to our worthy Brother Col^o James Park, desiring his Attendance on that Evening or on the next Day with Bro^{rs} Samuel Ramsay, John Hammill and any other Brethren who could give information on the subject of their Mission; That the said Brethren met your Committee early on the next Morning and communicated to them all they knew of the Conduct of Andrew Charles and of the Lodge when presided by him; That at about Three o'clock in the Afternoon of the same

“ Day, your Committee accompanied by the said Three Brethren and Bro^r. John Rogers, (having previously informed Bro^r. John Seright, the present W. M^r. of their Appointment,) presented themselves at the Door of the Lodge room and were introduced, when Bro^r. Duplessis having taken the Chair, your Committee proceeded to make the necessary enquiries, the result whereof they respectfully submit to the R. W. Grand Lodge as follows :

“ That Bro^r. Andrew Charles, when presiding as W. M^r. of Unity Lodge, N^o. 80, has frequently behaved in a very disorderly and arbitrary manner, and has been heard to swear by his Maker and use profane Language.

“ That he has made a considerable Number of Royal Arch Masons, contrary to the Rules and Regulations of the G. R. A. Chapter, and of this G. Lodge, making them believe that he was One of Four only, that had a general Dispensation for that purpose, &c. That he had received from some Nine, from some Six, and from others Three Dollars only, for giving them that high Degree.

“ That the Accounts of the Lodge nor of the Expences were ever stated.

“ That Bro^r. Andrew Charles acted almost generally as Master, Secretary and Treasurer of the said Lodge, and disposed of their Funds as he pleased and without rendering any Account.

“ That the Minutes of the Lodge have always been kept in such irregular manner that it is impossible to make any Account or anything else out of them.

“ That the Lodge has been often kept the whole Night and broke up after Day light, the Members often intoxicated and quarrelling amongst themselves to the great scandal of the Neighbours, &c.

“ That it appears to your Committee that the Members of that Lodge are not possessed of that information necessary to enable them to carry on their works with profit to themselves and Honour to the Craft. That they are wanting in the knowledge of the very fundamental principles of the Order.

“That the Charges contained in the Letters of Bro^m. James Park and John Gormly and of John Seright are true.

“That the said Andrew Charles did confess in open Lodge that he had delivered a Certificate, then exhibited to him, to Bro^r. John Rogers, to which he had subscribed his Name as W. M., and had also with his own Hand, subscribed the Names of the Wardens and Secretary, and had affixed the Seal of the Lodge, and that he had also with his own Hand, signed the Name of John Clark, as Secretary to Unity Lodge, N^o. 80, to the Returns of Members and of Dues made to the G. L. dated Dec^r. 27, 1806, and read in G. L. June 24th. 1807, which your Committee did exhibit to him.

“That at the last Election of Officers, they were not balloted for as usual, but by holding up of Hands, said Andrew Charles nominated them and none daring to oppose him. That the present W. M^r. Bro^r. John Seright is a very Young Mason, aged about 22 Years, without experience, and who has never served in the Office of Warden, contrary to the Rules of this G. L. and the known practice amongst Masons. That the Treasurer of the Lodge, Bro^r. Gillaspy, then elected, is incapable of writing or stating an Account as he confessed it himself, adding that Bro^r. Andrew Charles, the Secretary, also then elected, did set the Account for him, &c.

“Your Committee conceive that the above facts, (to which many others as irregular and unjustifiable could be added,) are more than sufficient to convince the R. W. G. L. that the said Andrew Charles has forfeited all the Rights and Privileges of Masonry, and should be expelled from the Society as unworthy thereof, and that the Warrant of Unity Lodge, N^o. 80, should be vacated, and a Committee appointed to demand and take possession of the same with the Minutes Book, &c,

“Your Committee are in duty bound to acknowledge, that they are much indebted to our worthy Bro^m. James Park, John Hammill, Samuel Ramsey and John Rogers, for the assistance they have given them in the discharge of their duty. Philad^a. Oct^r. 3, 5808.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.
“ROB^r. PULLEN.”

The said Committee thereupon offered the following Resolutions to the Consideration of this R. W. Grand Lodge, Viz :

- 1st. Resolved, That A—— C——, late Master of Unity Lodge, N^o. 80, has by his unmasonic Conduct since several years, forfeited all rights and privileges of a Mason and be expelled from the Society.
- 2nd. Resolved, That the Conduct of Unity Lodge, N^o. 80, for several years past has been truly unmasonic and highly scandalous and prejudicial to the Order, and that the Warrant of the said Lodge be Vacated and taken from them.
- 3^d. Resolved, That Bro^r. James Park, Samuel Ramsay, John Hammill, Joel Lightner and Joseph Lefevre, or any Three of them, be Commissioners to attend at the next meeting of Unity Lodge, N^o. 80, to declare the Warrant of the said Lodge to be vacated and take possession of the same, and of the Book of Minutes, &c., and forward the same to Bro^r. Grand Secretary by a safe Opportunity.
- 4th. Resolved, That the said Commissioners be Authorized to enquire particularly into the Character, Masonic standing and abilities of the different Members of said Lodge, and especially whether there is a sufficient number of good and respectable workmen to hold a Lodge with profit to themselves and Honour to the Craft, and make Report, mentioning also, their opinion on the propriety of a Lodge being continued at that place.
- 5th. Resolved, That every Brother recommended by the above Commissioners or by any of the adjacent Lodges, shall be furnished with a Grand Certificate upon the payment of his Dues from the Time he has been a Member of, or the Lodge is in Arrears, and the usual Fees.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the said Resolutions be taken up separately.

The said Resolutions were then Considered separately and severally Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary attend to the carrying the said Resolutions into effect.

The New Hall Committee presented a Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the R. W. the G. L. of Pennsylvania and Masonic
“Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

“The New Hall Committee beg leave to Report,

“That Bro^r. Stephen Bourne has delivered to them a regular
“Plan and Estimate of the Masonic Hall, to be erected on the
“Lot purchased of M^r. William Waln, the price whereof, ex-
“clusive of all the Stone and Brick Work is, including all
“Materials, Marble, and generally all to render the Building
“complete, amounts to 15,305 Dollars, exclusive of the
“Figures. Bro^r. Thomas Tomkins has also furnished them
“with the Estimate of the Brick and Stone Work including
“Materials, Sand, Digging of the Cellar, &c., amounting to
“6410 Dollars, with the Addition of 50 Cents per Thousand
“of Bricks, if they could not be procured under 8 Dollars per
“Thousand.

“The Two sums amount together to 21,715 Dollars being
“1,715 Dollars more than the sum voted for that purpose.

“Your Committee are of Opinion, that the above sum is the
“lowest for which the New Hall can be completed in the best
“manner as Bro^m. Bourne and Tomkins are willing to engage
“to do.

“Your Committee beg leave to report also, that they have
“elected Bro^r. George A. Baker their Treasurer, to receive the
“Subscription Monies.

“All which is respectfully submitted by
“Philad^a. 3^d Oct^r. 1808.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“GEORGE A. BAKER.

“ROB^r. M^cCULLAGH.”

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Resolu-
tion of the 6th of June last, adopting a plan for the Building
be rescinded, and that the Committee be instructed to take
into Consideration generally and Report respecting a plan and
Estimate.

On Motion, the Resoluitiou offered on the 5th September, re-
specting a Lottery, was read.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the 3^d Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th October, A. D. 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
- “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. M.
 - “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 - “ Robert M^cCullagh, R. W. J. G. Warden, P. T.
 - “ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 - “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. Secretary.
 - “ Thomas Rayner, Sen^r. Grand Deacon.
 - “ William L. Sonntag, Jun^r. Grand Deacon.
 - “ Robert Pullen, Grand Sword Bearer.
 - “ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
 - “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
 - “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 77, 84, 88, 91, 100 and 103 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the last Meeting as regards the Report of the New Hall Committee was read.

The Resolutions offer'd by Bro^r. Passmore on the 5th September last, respecting a Lottery and respecting an Act to Authorize the sale of the Lot, late Bro^r. Dean's, were on Motion taken up for Consideration. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Application be made to the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania to grant this Grand Lodge Authority by Law to raise by way of Lottery, the Sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, to be ap-

plied to the Erection of a New Masonic Hall and towards Extinguishing the Ground Rent on the Lot in Chestnut Street whereon the said Hall is contemplated to be erected.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to carry the above Resolution into Effect, and that said Committee consist of Five Brethren. That the Grand Master be Authorized to appoint said Committee and fill up any Vacancies that may from Time to Time occur therein.

Resolved, that said Committee have power to Accept of any sum less than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars if they shall see fit.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Application be made to the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania for an Act Authorizing Brothers Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., Gavin Hamilton and Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq., the Surviving Trustees, (on the behalf of this Grand Lodge,) to sell, grant and Convey in Fee Simple, the Lot of Ground situate on the South West Corner of Twelfth and Walnut Streets in the City of Philadelphia, formerly the property of Bro^r. Joseph Dean, but now the property of this Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That a Committee be Appointed to carry the above Resolution into Effect, and that said Committee consist of Five Brethren, that the Grand Master be Authorized to appoint said Committee and fill up any Vacancies that may from Time to Time occur therein.

The New Hall Committee made Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and
“Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

“The New Hall Committee beg leave to Report,

“That in compliance with the directions of the R. W. G.
“L. at their last Communication, they have advertized for
“Plans and Estimates of a New Hall, and have received
“several which they respectfully submit to the consideration
“of the Brethren, and which they have Numbered as follows :
“1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. That the Numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 do

“ contain the same sections and distributions of rooms which
 “ have been judged suitable and sufficient for the accommoda-
 “ tion and convenience of the Grand Lodge.

“ The Estimate with the Plan N^o 1, amounts to (Withdrawn).

“ That with the plan N^o 2, amounts for all, to . \$21,715.

“ That with the Plan N^o 3, amounts, Exclusive

“ of the Brick and Stone Work, to . . . 15,065.

“ That with the Plan N^o 4, amounts for all, to . 20,486.

“ That with the Plan N^o 5, amounts, Exclusive of

“ the Brick and Stone Work and Cellar Floor 14,965.

“ The other Plans, N^o 6, 7 and 8, have no Estimates.

“ Your Committee are of Opinion that the large room below,
 “ 78 Feet in Length and 36 in Breadth, with Two or Three
 “ Card Rooms, will be often wanted for public purposes, and
 “ bring a considerable Rent, besides the Two large Cellars.

“ Your Committee find that there is in the

• Hands of Bro^r. Grand Treasurer, . . . \$2186.13.

“ In the Hands of Bro^r. Israel Israel, . . . 216.14.

“ The Lot in Walnut Street, 2000.00.

“ The present Hall, 5000.00.

“ Present amount of Subscription list, . . . 5000.00.

“ There will be due on the 27th Day of December

“ next, by the different Lodges meeting in the

“ present Hall for Rent, Dues, &c., between

“ Seven and Eight Hundred Dollars, which

“ will leave a considerable balance in favour of

“ the Grand Lodge after paying \$425, for Half

“ a year's Ground Rent on the Lot in Chestnut

“ Street, due on the 1st Day of January, 1809,

“ to M^r. William Waln, and other incidental

“ Expences, (besides the Dues from the Coun-

“ try Lodges, &c.) say 300.00.

“ Your Committee beg leave to observe that the above ex-
 “ hibit has raised the Funds of the Grand Lodge, much above
 “ what was contemplated in their Report of November 16th,
 “ 1807, and to recommend the early adoption of One of the
 “ Plans now submitted, as it is high Time the proper Work-
 “ men should be engaged that they may have sufficient Time

“to procure the best materials for a Building of such magnitude, which is not only to be durable, but to do Honour to the Fraternity, and particularly to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“Philada^a, October 17th. 1808.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“THOMAS PASSMORE.

“ROB^t. M^cCULLAGH.”

Grand Lodge called off from Labour to Refreshment for 15 Minutes.

Grand Lodge called on from Refreshment to Labour.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That an Addition of Four Members be added to the New Hall Committee, to wit: Bro^m. Samuel F. Bradford, Thomas Hennessy, Joseph Burden and Thomas Rayner, for the sole purpose of fixing definitively on One of the Plans presented this Evening, so that the same do not exceed \$22000.

Resolved, That after the Building Committee with the addition of the Brethren as aforesaid, have determined on the plan of the Building, that the Committee formerly appointed have leave to go on with the Building as they in their Judgment shall deem most conducive to the Interests of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge Adjourn they do Adjourn to the Third Monday in November, for the purpose of taking such Measures relative to the Lottery as they shall deem necessary.

A Letter from Bro^r. George Green was read and is in the words following, to wit:

“To the R. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

“Gent^m and Brethren,

“Being informed that the G. L. has received an anonymous Letter, written in Favour of my Character, signed A. B., that has given considerable umbrage, *I therefore*, in order to remove any unfavourable impression which may rest on the minds of the G. Lodge respecting it, do liberally and

" candidly confess that I was the Author of it. Surrounded,
 " and borne down by the persecuting Spirit of the Templars ;
 " I was induced to it, without any intention of giving offence
 " to the Members of an Order, which I esteem, and hope I
 " always shall esteem, with the highest degree of Veneration.
 " If the G. L. has taken offence, I have not the smallest De-
 " gree of Objection to say that I am very sorry that I did so.
 " I do therefore presume and trust, that my Candor and Ac-
 " knowledgment will wipe away every unfavourable impres-
 " sion that it may have occasioned, and bring into exercise
 " that Spirit of Benevolence, (Universal,) upon which the Or-
 " der is founded.

" I am constrained to add, that I hope the G. L. will
 " do me Justice, respecting my Complaint against M^r. John
 " Thompson, who falsely Charges me with writing my first
 " Obligation, which I know myself innocent of, and which no
 " Man upon the Surface of the Earth can possibly prove.

" I am sorry to say that my persecutors, the Templars,
 " do not appear to possess Virtue enough to do me Justice. I
 " therefore wash my Hands of *them*, and may God of his in-
 " finite and unbounded Mercy, turn their Hearts, visit them
 " with repentance, and enter not into Judgment with them.

" I am Gent^l and Brethren,

" Yours respectfully,

" Philad^a, Oct^r. 17, 1806. (Sign'd) " GEORGE GREEN."

" South Street, N^o. 178."

The Report of the Committee appointed on the complaint
 of said George Green against Bro^r. John Thompson was there-
 upon presented and read, and is in the words following, to
 wit :

" To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania :

" We, the Committee appointed by the G. Lodge to investi-
 " gate the dispute between Bro^r G. Green and J. Thompson,
 " respectfully report,

" That we have attended the duty of our appointment.
 " Bro^r. John Thompson having been duly notified but did not
 " attend, from all that appears to us, G. Green is a regular
 " made Mason, we have carefully examin'd his Certificate

“from the G. L. of England, and are satisfied that it is
 “Genuine. Respecting the Anonymous Letter sent to the
 “Grand Master dated 2nd March, 1807, B^r. G. Green has
 “Acknowledged he wrote it, and appears to us to be very
 “sorry for so doing and express’d a deep regret for the same,
 “and has promis’d to make Acknowledgment to the Grand
 “Lodge.

“Your Committee do further respectfully Report, that
 “nothing has appear’d against the said B^r. Green on the Com-
 “plaint made against him by B^r. Thompson, to Impeach his
 “Character as a Mason or a Man. Your Committee therefore
 “recommend the following resolution: Resolved, that B^r.
 “Green be consider’d in good standing among Masons.

(Sign’d)

“JOHN KINNAN.

“ROB^r. PULLEN.

“FRED^r. WOLBERT.

“ROB^r. M^cCULLAGH.”

Which said Report was adopted.

A Communication from Lodge N^o. 3, held in Philadelphia,
 was read; it communicated the Expulsion of T—— A—— for
 unmasonic Conduct.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 9 o’clock, P. M., to
 the Third Monday in November next at 6 o’clock, P. M.

THO^s. HENNESSY,

Dep^y. G. Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th November, A. L. 5808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communi-
 cation.

Present:

Bro^r. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. G. Warden, R. W. G. M.
 Pro Tem.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. S. G. Warden, P. T.

“ Jacob Erringer, R. W. J. G. Warden, P. T.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^t. R. W. Deputy Grand Secre-
 tary.

Bro^r. Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ William Ball, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 81 and 91 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in due Form.

Bro^r. Passmore from the New Hall Committee stated that the object of calling this Extra Grand Lodge was with a View to obtain the Sanction of the G. L. to an alteration of the plan adopted.

Whereupon it was Moved, Seconded and Resolved, that the same be not adopted.

Brother Richard Tybout stated that he wished to decline being a Member of the New Hall Committee, which was accepted of.

The Petition of Bro^r. John Pitt, Member of Errin Lodge, No. 19, New York, praying relief was read. Whereupon, it was moved that the Sum of Twenty Dollars be placed in the Hands of Bro^{rs}. Thomas Rayner, George Alcorn and Atkinson Rose for his relief, if found deserving.

The Petition of John Loehman praying relief was read. Whereupon, it was Resolved that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

The Petition of Bro^r. Louis Du Mariel praying relief was read. Whereupon, it was Resolved, That Ten Dollars be placed in the Hands of Bro^r. Thomas Rayner, George Alcorn and Atkinson Rose for his Relief.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M., to the Third Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock, P. M.

THO^s. HENNESSY,

Dop^y. G. Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st November, 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. Master.
 “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.
 “ Frederick Erringer, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ Thomas Amies, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
 “ Joseph Burden, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 84, 88, 91, 98, 100, 103, 105 and 108 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

A Petition was read from a certain Br^r. J. C. Sander praying relief, &c., Whereupon, the same was referr'd to a Special Committee consisting of Bro^m. Duplessis, Willig and Blame, with power to grant the Petitioner relief in a Sum not exceeding Thirty Dollars.

Bro^r. Passmore, One of the New Hall Committee, presented a New Plan of the Hall for the Approbation of the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, it was Moved, Seconded and Resolved, that the same be placed on the Treasurer's Table for the Inspection of the Brethren, And which was accordingly done.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 17th Ultimo, appointing an Additional Number of Brethren to act with the New Hall Committee in fixing upon a plan, be rescinded, and that the proceedings of said Committee be Considered as Null and Void.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the plan

now presented to this G. Lodge be Adopted as the Plan of the New Hall.

On Motion made and Seconded, Bro^r. Tybout was re-appointed a Member of the New Hall Committee.

The Second and Third Resolution Offered by the New Hall Committee in their Report of 6th June last, and which were read on said 6th June, and the Consideration thereof postponed, and again read on the 5th September last, and the consideration thereof further postponed, were now taken up for Consideration and read ; the said Resolutions are as follows :

2nd Resolution. Resolved, That the New Hall Committee be Authorized to Contract in behalf of the Grand Lodge for all necessary Materials and with the different Workmen, and that such Contracts shall be binding on the Grand Lodge.

3^d Resolution. Resolved, That the Grand Lodge consider it highly expedient that the New Hall be covered with Slate, and that the Committee are requested to have it done accordingly.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the said Second Resolution be Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Consideration of the said Third Resolution be further postponed.

Bro^r. Bradford stated to the Grand Lodge that Lodge N^o. 51, had agreed to give Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars as a Donation in Aid of the Building, Exclusive of the Individual Subscriptions of its Members.

Pursuant to a Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 17th Ultimo, the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren a Committee for the purpose of making Application to the Legislature for a Lottery in Aid of Erecting a Masonic Hall, &c., to wit : Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. George A. Baker, Samuel F. Bradford, Robert M^cCullagh and Thomas Amies.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the following Brethren be named as Commissioners to Conduct the said Lottery, to wit : John Barker, Samuel F. Bradford, William T. Donaldson, Richard Tybout, Joseph Burden, William Page and Thomas Amies.

Pursuant to a Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 17th Ultimo, the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Brethren a Committee for the purpose of making Application to the Legislature for an Act Authorizing the sale of the Lot on the S. W. Corner of Twelfth and Walnut Streets in the City of Philadelphia, to Wit: Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq^r· George A. Baker, Samuel F. Bradford, Robert McCullagh and Thomas Amies.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 8 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th December, A. D. 1808.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r· JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r· R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r· R. W. Dep^y Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r· R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ William L. Sonntag, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Thomas Amies, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r· R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r· R. W. Dep^y Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 21, 67, 70, 71, 72, 78, 77, 84, 88, 91, 98, 100, 102, 103, 105 and 106 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Adjourned Communications were read in part. When, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the reading of the remainder of the said Minutes be postponed.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro^r. Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. be added to the Committee appointed on the 21st Ultimo, for the purpose of making Application to the Legislature for a Lottery.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro^r. Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. be added to the Committee appointed on the 21st Ultimo, for the purpose of making Application to the Legislature for an Act Authorizing the sale of the Lot on the South West Corner of Twelfth and Walnut Streets.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing Year when the undernamed Brethren were duly elected to fill the following Offices, to wit :

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r. Counsellor at Law and President of the Select Council of the City of Philadelphia, re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. Sworn Interpreter of Foreign Languages, Conveyancer, &c., &c., re-elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Richard Tybout, Hatter, elected R. W. S. G. Warden.

“ Robert Poalk, Auctioneer, re-elected R. W. J. G. Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Conveyancer and Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia, re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, Printer and Bookseller, re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock,
P. M. to the Third Monday in January next at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Tuesday, 27th December, A. D. 1808.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communica-
tion.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

- “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. Grand Master.
- “ Robert Lewis, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- “ Robert D. Silver, Senior Grand Deacon.
- “ John Sailor, Junior Grand Deacon.
- “ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
- “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 45, 59, 70, 71, 73, 77, 84, 88, 98, 108, 106 and 108 repre-
sented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the 5th Instant as relates to the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was read, and thereupon the Grand Officers elect were severally Installed into their respective Offices in Ancient Form, to wit :

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

- “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. Master.
- “ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit :

Bro^r. Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ John B. N. Smith, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews, }
 “ “ Doct^r. William Rogers, } Grand Chaplains.
 “ “ Doct^r. George Potts, }

Bro^r. Thomas Amies, }
 “ George Alcorn, } Grand Stewards.

“ Robert Pullen, Grand Sword bearer.

“ Simon Chaudron, Grand Marshal.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz :

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. }
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. } Committee of Cor-
 “ Samuel F. Bradford, } respondence.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. }
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. } Committee of Ac-
 “ William M^cCullagh, } counts.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. }
 “ Robert Pullen, } Committee to Examine the
 “ Robert Poalk, } Bye Laws of the Subor-
 same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge. dinate Lodges, as the

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. }
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. } Committee to Ex-
 “ William M^cCullagh, } amine the trans-
 actions of the
 past year, and select for publication.

“ Joseph Burden, }
 “ Vincent Ducomb, } Hall Committee.
 “ Frederick Erringer, }

Recommenders of Objects to the Philadelphia Dispensary,
 to wit :

Bro^r. Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. for the Northern Liberties.

“ George A. Baker, for the City.

“ Daniel Bussier, Esq^r. for Southwark.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary stated that he had re-appointed Bro^r.
 Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. Deputy Grand Secretary for the en-
 suing year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be
 pleased to sanction the said Appointment, When the same
 was Unanimously Approved.

The Returns of the Lodges being called for, the following Returns were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Rayner, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Meguire, S. W.; Bro^r. John Cluley, J. W.; Bro^r. John Phillips, Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Burden, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of G. L. Dues.

Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Bro^r. Richard Tybout, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Maull, S. W.; Bro^r. F. A. Koechling, J. W.; Bro^r. C. I. Burckle, Secretary ; Bro^r. Thomas Passmore, Treasurer. Communication of the Expulsion of G—— A—— for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Entrikin, W. M^r.; Bro^r. George Reed, S. W.; Bro^r. Solomon Poalk, J. W.; Bro^r. John Griffith, Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Blair Nash Smith, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Andrew M. Prevost, S. W.; Bro^r. James Tatem, J. W.; Bro^r. Benjamin Stephens, Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Curwen, Treasurer. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Smith, W. M.; Bro^r. Spence Dewees, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Nekervis, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Bussier, Secretary ; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. James M^cCurdy, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Garret Lynch, S. W.; Bro^r. Hugh Gray, J. W.; Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r. Secretary ; Bro^r. Philip Boyle, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Darragh, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Robert Johnson, S. W.; Bro^r. John S. Malone, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secretary ; Bro^r. John Johnson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Carter, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Frederick Mayer, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Mitcheson, J. W.; Bro^r. John Snyder, Secretary ; Bro^r. George Willis, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Robert P. Branu, W. M.; Bro^r. J. L. Pageot Desnoutiere, S. W.; Bro^r. Louis Houard, J. W.; Bro^r. John B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. Charles Roche, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John BuH, W. M.; Bro^r. Charles Hick, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Whitaker, J. W.; Bro^r. John Worrell, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Worrell, Treasurer.

The Committee Appointed on the 5th September last to make application to the Trustees of the Legacy devised by the late John Keble for Charitable purposes, for a portion of the said Legacy for the Charity Fund of this R. W. Grand Lodge, Reported, That they had made Application to the said Trustees for a portion of said Legacy.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 o'clock,
A. M. GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th January, 1809.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
- “ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Sec^r.
- “ Thomas Amies, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ John B. N. Smith, Junior Grand Deacon.
- “ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 72, 84, 91, 105 and 108 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The remainder of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communi-

cation of September last, and Adjournments, the reading whereof was Postponed on the 5th Ultimo, were now read.

The Petition of Henry Shrupp, late a Member of Lodge N^o 19, held in this City, praying for relief was read. Whereupon, Ordered, that the Sum of Twenty Dollars be placed in the Hands of Bro^{rs}. Frederick Erringer, Wellford and Alcorn, to be applied to his Use if upon enquirey they shall see proper.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that the Widow of Bro^r. Walter Corry, our former Grand Pursuivant, had applied to him for some relief. Whereupon, Resolved, that the Sum of Twenty Dollars be placed in the Hands of the R. W. Grand Master for her Use.

The R. W. Grand Master likewise stated that a similar Application had been made to him by the Widow of the late Bro^r. Jacob Auld. Whereupon, it was Resolved, that the Sum of Twenty Dollars be placed in the Hands of the R. W. Grand Master for M^{rs}. Auld's Use.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had since the last Communication, at the request of M^r. William Waln, drawn an Order in his favour on the Grand Treasurer for the Sum of \$425, being for Half a year's Ground Rent on the Lot in Chestnut Street, which became due the 1st Instant. On Motion made and Seconded, the same was Unanimously Approved.

The Committee Appointed the 7th November last, on the Petition of Bro^r. Louis Du Mariel, Reported, that they had relieved him with the Sum of Ten Dollars placed in their Hands for that purpose.

The Committee appointed on the 7th November last, on the Petition of Bro^r. John Pitt, Reported, That as Bro^r. Pitt only wished to go to New York to his family, they had granted him the Sum of Ten Dollars, and had returned the remaining Ten Dollars to Bro^r. Grand Treasurer, the Sum placed in their Hands having been \$20.

The Grand Secretary Reported, that from the Quarterly Communication in September to the Quarterly Communication in December last, he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, Viz :

For Dispensations,	\$40.
For Grand Lodge Certificates,	10.38
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Total	\$50.38

Which Report was Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The Committee of Accounts made Report which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee of Accounts who were directed to attend
 “to the settlement of the Accounts between the R. W.
 “Grand Lodge and the several Lodges in the City beg
 “leave to Report

“That they have attended to the Duty as follows, (to Wit) :

“Lodge N ^o . 2, have paid for Dues, Rent, &c., in full “to December 27 th . 1807,	\$315.20
“N ^o . 3. At the settlement of their Dues, &c., to Dec ^r . “27 th . 1806, against the sum of \$933, by “them loaned to the Grand Lodge, there “was found in their favour, a balance of “\$624.98, which was paid to them on the “22 nd Day of January, 1807. Since that “Time they have paid for Dues, Rent, &c., “to Decem ^r . 27 th . 1807,	99.37
“N ^o . 9. At the settlement of their Dues to Dec ^r . “27 th . 1806, &c., against the Sum of \$900, “by them loaned to the Grand Lodge, there “was found in their favour, a balance of “\$791.64, which was paid to them Jan ^r . “20 th . 1807. Since that Time they have “paid One Years Rent to Decem ^r . 1807,	40.
“Their Dues remain due for that year.	
“N ^o . 19, have paid for Dues, Rent, &c., to Dec ^r . 27, “1807,	141.37
“N ^o . 51, have paid for ditto to ditto,	181.14
“N ^o . 52, have paid for ditto to ditto agreeably to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge,	200.
“N ^o . 59, have paid for ditto to ditto,	188.9

" N ^o 67, have paid for ditto to ditto,	\$170.65
" N ^o 71, have paid for ditto to Dec ^r . 27 th , 1806,	185.73
" And since on Account of the Dues and	
" Rent for 1807, amounting to \$98.37, the	
" sum of	50.
" There remains due for that year \$48.37.	
" N ^o 72, have paid Two Years Rent to Dec ^r . 27, 1807,	80.
" The Account of their Dues, &c., remains	
" unsettled since Decem ^r 1805.	
" N ^o 73, have paid for Dues, &c., to June 25 th , 1808,	71.58
" N ^o 91, have paid for Dues, Rent, &c., to Dec ^r . 27 th .	
" 1807,	247.36
" R. A. Chapter N ^o 52, have paid for 5 years Rent,	
" besides the deduction allowed by Grand	
" Lodge,	74.
" R. A. Chapter N ^o 3, Owe for 5 years to Dec ^r . 27 th .	
" 1807, \$100. The Knights Templars En-	
" campment agreeably to the resolution of	
" the Grand Lodge owe the sum of \$100 for	
" 5 years Rent to the above Date, which	
" must be against the \$100 they had loaned	
" to the Grand Lodge.	

" Your Committee are happy to find that the Accounts of
 " all the aforesaid Lodges have been settled so far. There are
 " but few Arrearages and the Dues, Rent, &c., for the present
 " Year. Your Committee are of Opinion they should be dis-
 " charged from attending any longer, the settlement of the Ac-
 " counts between the R. W. Grand Lodge and the several
 " Lodges and Chapters in the City, which properly belongs to
 " the Office of Bro^r Grand Secretary.

" Philadelphia, Decem^r. 26, 5808.

(Sign'd)

" P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

" THO^s. HENNESSY."

Which Report was Adopted, and the said Committee dis-
 charged from further attending to the settlement of the Ac-
 count of the Lodges and Chapters in the City.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia,

of 25th October last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, of 4th October last, was read and referr'd to Bro^m. J. B. Smith, Duplessis, Baker, Bradford and Tybout to examine and Report thereon.

A Letter from the W. M. of Lodge N^o 11, held at London Grove, Chester County, Dated 16th December, was read. It is on the subject of their delinquency with this Grand Lodge, and requesting Advice how to Act in regard of Delinquent Treasurers. Whereupon, Ordered, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary Answer the said Letter and give the desired information.

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, Viz :
Lodge N^o 21, held at Harrisburgh. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to the 24th June last, Amounting to \$13.2.

Lodge N^o 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. William Kirkpatrick, W. M.; Bro^r. Jeremiah Mosher, S. W.; Bro^r. William Hamilton, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Reynolds, Secretary; Bro^r. Egbert Taylor, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Eleazar Blackman, W. M.; Bro^r. Peter Yarrington, Black Smith, Senior Warden; Bro^r. John Evans, Esquire, Attorney at Law, J. W.; Bro^r. Jesse Fell, Esq^r. Associate Judge, Secretary; Bro^r. Allen Jack, Merchant, Treasurer.

A Letter from the W. M^r. of said Lodge, dated the 9th December last, on the subject of their delinquency, and requesting further Time to discharge their Grand Lodge Dues. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, That further Time be allowed said Lodge N^o 61, until S^t John's Day in June next, for payment of their Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 69, held at Chester. Return of Members to 27th December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. W. M^r.; Bro^r. David Edwin, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph T. Hallowell, J.

W.; Bro^r. William McCullagh, Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. William McClelland, jun^r. W. M.; Bro^r. Patrick McDonald, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Herbaugh, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Keller, Secretary; Bro^r. William Downard, Treasurer. Return of Members containing the Expulsion of J—— M——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Charles Hicks, W. M.; Bro^r. Robert Whitaker, S. W.; Bro^r. Terryl Williams, J. W.; Bro^r. John Worrell, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Worrell, Treasurer.

Brother Baker stated that he had been informed that Bro^r. Joseph Cerneau, formerly J. G. W. of the Provincial Lodge of S^t. Domingo and afterwards Master of Lodge N^o. 103, held at Havannah, and now residing in the City of New York, had been Guilty of Unmasonic Conduct. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that Brothers Duplessis, Chaudron and Baker be a Committee to Examine respecting the premisses and make Report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the further Consideration respecting the Delinquent Lodges be postponed until the next Quarterly Communication.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be Authorized to draw Orders from Time to Time on the Grand Treasurer, in favour of the New Hall Committee for such sums of Money as the said Committee shall have occasion for in carrying on the Building.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 8 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th March, A. D. 1809.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. Grand Master.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ James M^cCurdy, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ John B. N. Smith, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 51, 52, 59, 66, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 88, 91, 98, 103, 105 and 108 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication, &c., were read.

A Petition from divers Brethren, residing at Pittsburgh, was read, praying for a Warrant for holding another Lodge in said Borough, and that Bro^r. Nathaniel Bedford, might be named Master ; Bro^r. Isaac Craig, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Thomas Collins, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form, and recommended by Lodge N^o. 45, held at Pittsburgh, agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the said Lodge be N^o. 113.

A Petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Philadelphia, and that Bro^r. Samuel B. Ellis might be named Master ; Bro^r. Peter Bob, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. James Harper, jun^r. Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form, and being recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand

Lodge, it was on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the said Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the said Lodge be called "Solomons Lodge," N^o. 114.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary presented a Certificate from the Grand Lodge of England to a certain Bro^r. John McPherson which he stated had been delivered to him by Bro^r. Patrick E. Whelen, who had taken it from a certain John Henry Bellow who had been soliciting Charity as a Mason, but was an Imposter. Whereupon it was ordered that the said Certificate be placed in the Archives of this Grand Lodge for the said Bro^r. McPherson if he should claim the same.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred sundry Communications from the following Grand Lodges, to wit : from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, of the 11th of May and 9th of November, 1807 ; from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, of October 14th. 1807 ; from the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey of November 10th, 1807 ; from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of December 14th. 1807 ; from the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of January 1st and July, 1808 ; from the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, of April 27th, 1808, and from the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, beg leave to Report :

"That they have examined the said several Communications and find that the Grand Lodge of Maryland on the Eleventh day of May aforesaid, did approve of our proceedings against the Lodges in the State of Delaware and the pretended Grand Lodge. That in the proceedings of the 9th November, 1807, of the said Grand Lodge the Committee of Communication reported as follows : That they have examined the Communications from a body of men styling themselves the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and see no reason to recede from the Resolution entered into on that subject by

“the Grand Lodge at their last session, and that the said
 “*association in their opinion is illegal.* There is also an address
 “delivered by the R. W. Brother John Crawford, Grand
 “Master of Maryland, before the Grand Lodge on the 9th of
 “November aforesaid on taking the Chair of Solomon.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Connecti-
 “cut contains this Resolution; That the proposed Conven-
 “tion from the respective Grand Lodges in the United States
 “at Philadelphia is in their opinion inexpedient for the follow-
 “ing and other reasons, Viz: The benefits derivable from the
 “measure, beyond those arising from our present fraternal in-
 “tercourse cannot be of high importance, &c.

“The Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey
 “contains a list of their Grand Officers, &c. They do ap-
 “prove of a Grand Convention as proposed by this R. W.
 “Grand Lodge, and will send deputies as soon as *Seven Lodges*
 “have agreed. They consider the City of Philadelphia the
 “most central and proper place. They declare again the
 “formation of a Grand Lodge to preside over all the Grand
 “Lodges in the United States impracticable. They have ap-
 “pointed the R. W. Grand Master Aaron D. Woodruff and the
 “late R. W. Grand Master John Beaty and John N. Cum-
 “mings deputies for that purpose.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachu-
 “setts contains a list of their Grand Officers, &c. They do
 “approve the proposal of this Grand Lodge to send a Depu-
 “tation to meet the deputies of such other Grand Lodges as
 “have been or may be appointed to meet at Philadelphia, &c.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hamp-
 “shire contains a list of their Grand Officers, &c. They
 “agree with this Grand Lodge in regard to a superintending
 “Grand Lodge, and think that the Grand Lodge of South and
 “North Carolina must abandon the Idea of such a Grand
 “Lodge as a thing impracticable, inexpedient, embarrassing
 “and injurious to the ostensible Object in view, (the Good of
 “the Craft).

“They approve of a Grand Convention, and think that
 “much good may result from it, and will send a deputy or

"deputies, but have not determined upon the time and place.
 "They had previously appointed General Clement Storer, R.
 "W. Past Deputy Grand Master, a Member of Congress, as
 "one of their delegates. He was commissioned to join in
 "Masonic Convention, if one should be holden at Washington
 "during his residence there, or to consult on measures for
 "calling a General Convention at any future time and place.
 "They have no objection for Philadelphia, and will be happy
 "to hear further from the Committee of Correspondence, touch-
 "ing what manner their proposals are received by the other
 "Grand Lodges in the Union.

"They promise their support in any measure which may to
 "them appear to be for the good of Masonry through the
 "United States.

"The Communication of July, 1808, encloses a Valedictory
 "Address of the M. W. Thomas Thompson, Esq^r Past Grand
 "Master at his resignation of the Chair of Solomon, which ad-
 "dress contains the most wholesome advice concerning the
 "*Ancient Land Marks* and Caution against the introduction of
 "degrees assuming a Power Independent of the Grand Lodge,
 "&c.

"The Communication from the Grand Lodge of South
 "Carolina is from Bro^r Frederick Dalcho, informing that he
 "is appointed Corresponding Grand Secretary, and directing
 "in future to address to him the Communications.

"The Communication from the Grand Lodge of North
 "Carolina and Tennessee, contains their proceedings for 1807.
 "List of their Officers of Lodges, (51,) &c.

"On the 28th of November in the said Year, their Commit-
 "tee reported, That it appears to them that the principle of
 "constituting by a Convention a superintending Grand Lodge
 "of America, has been adopted by such number of the Grand
 "Lodges as will authorize the Grand Lodge to appoint dele-
 "gates for that purpose and recommend the appointment of
 "Two persons from the State of North Carolina and one from
 "the State of Tennessee for that purpose, the National Grand
 "Lodge to have and possess controuling and corrective Power
 "over all Grand Lodges under its Jurisdiction, such controul-

“ing powers to be by them enforced by such Rules and Regulations as by the said Convention may be devised for the ease and convenience of the Craft.

“Resolutions adopted and delegates appointed.

“All which is respectfully submitted by

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“THOMAS HENNESSY.”

Whereupon, it was Resolved, that the same be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

Bro^r. Duplessis, the R. W. D. G. M., as Chairman of the New Hall Committee, presented certain Resolutions of the said Committee for the Consideration of this R. W. Grand Lodge, which were read and are as follows :

“In New Hall Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 3^d March, 1809.

“On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That it be respectfully recommended to the R. W. Grand Lodge to rescind the Resolutions of the 7th March last, directing the Hall to be erected on the Rear of the Lot, and respecting the sale of Lots in front. And that the Building be placed at the distance of 39 Feet from the North Line of the Lot.”

“On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That it be respectfully recommended to the R. W. Grand Lodge, to Authorize this Committee to Agree with the Owners of the 15 Feet Alley on the West and of the 20 Feet Alley on the North of the Lot on Chestnut Street, for connecting the said Two Alleys by a Strip of Ground to be taken off the said Lot so as to make a public Street leading from Seventh to Eighth Street, and in Case the same can be effected, that the Trustees of the Lot be Authorized, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, as well to Execute as to receive such Instruments of Writing as shall or may be requisite and Necessary in the Premises.

“Extract from the Minutes.

(Sign'd)

“GEORGE A. BAKER,

“Secretary.”

Whereupon, Resolved, that the said Resolutions be taken up separately.

The First of the said Resolutions being again read and considered, it was

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the same be adopted.

The Second of the said Resolutions being again read and considered, it was

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the same be adopted.

Bro^r. Duplessis presented several Communications from Lodge N^o. 88 and 103. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the several Communications from Lodges N^o. 88 and 103, concerning differences between the said Lodges and some of their Brethren be referred to the R. W. Provincial Grand Master and Grand Lodge of S^t. Domingo and Cuba at Barracoa for their determination.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had relieved the Widow of Bro^r. Walter Corry with the sum of \$20, placed in his Hands for her Use in Virtue of a Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 16th January last.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that upon his making enquiry for the Widow of the late Bro^r. Jacob Auld, for the purpose of relieving her with the sum of \$20 Voted for her Use on the 16th January last, he had found that she was Dead and Buried, and that the said Money was therefore not drawn out of the Treasury.

A Communication from the G. L. of Nova Scotia, of 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It Communicated the Expulsion of E—— B—— F—— from S^t. John's Lodge, N^o. 211.

A Communication from the G. L. of Lower Canada of 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It communicated as follows, Viz: That the Warrant of Lodge N^o. 13 or S^t. Andrews Lodge, River Duchesne, District of Montreal, is cancelled for Unmasonic Conduct. That the following persons have been

Expelled: I—— T—— and T—— D—— by N^o 13; S—— S—— and I. B. L—— by N^o 241; W—— O—— and B—— by N^o 354, And that Elmer Cushing has been re-instated in his Masonic rights and privileges.

A Communication from the G. Lodge of Massachusetts of December last was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It communicates the Expulsions of D—— D—— by Merrimack Lodge; E—— J—— by Sincerity Lodge; J—— B—— by Massachusetts Lodge, and W—— G——, jun^r. by Amity Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, of the 13th January last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Two Communications from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, of 28th January and 4th February, were read and referr'd to Bro^m J. B. Smith, Duplessis, Baker, Bradford and Tybout to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from Lodge N^o 2, held in this City was read. It informed that W—— A—— was Expelled by said Lodge.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, Viz:

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Seth Price, W. M.; Bro^r Thomas Elliott, S. W.; Bro^r William H. Abbott, J. W.; Bro^r J. M. Linnard, Secretary; Bro^r William T. Donaldson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 77, held at Port D'Espaign. A Communication from said Lodge, which was referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Samuel Deal, W. M.; Bro^r John Thompson, S. W.; Bro^r Jacob Billger, J. W.; Bro^r William A. Lee, Secretary; Bro^r John McClune, Treasurer. Return of Members, Containing the Expulsions of J—— S——, W—— D——, J—— T——, M—— L——.

Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 105, held at Zanesville, Ohio. Return of Members to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M., to the Third Monday in this Month at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 20th March, A. D. 1809.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. Master.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Robert McCullagh, R. W. J. G. W., Pro Temp.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Thomas Rayner, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ John B. N. Smith, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 84, 87, 88, 98, 103, 105 and 108 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, G. Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of May and November last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon, it communicated the following Expulsions and Rejections, to wit :

Expulsions, Viz :

H—— B——, by Federal Lodge, N^o 15 ; J—— B—— and J—— S——, by Spiritual Lodge, N^o 23 ; M—— S——, by Philadelphia Lodge, N^o 39 ; J—— S—— by Veritas Sancti Johannis L^o. N^o 42.

Rejections, Viz :

W—— C——, by Mount Moriah L^o. N^o. 33 ; J—— H——, by Potomac Lodge, N^o. 43.

Returns of Lodge N^o. 45, held at Pittsburgh, were received and read, Viz : Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Thomas Baird, W. M^r.; Bro^r. James Riddle, S. W. ; Bro^r. John H. Chaplin, J. W. ; Bro^r. Henry Haslet, Secretary ; Bro^r. George Robinson, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time, containing the rejections of R—— L. M——, A—— H—— and W—— F——, jun^r.

The Return to the Dispensation for Constituting Lodge N^o. 111, was read, whereby it appears that said Lodge was duly Constituted at the Town of Saint Louis, in the Territory of Louisiana, on the 8th November last.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That the R. W. Grand Master, with the Grand Officers and the New Hall Committee lay the Foundation Stone of the New Hall in such manner as they shall see proper.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th June, A. D. 1809.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. M.,
in the Chair.

- “ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ William Page, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- “ George Alcorn, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ John Suter, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

Bro^r. John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r.”

“ William Ball, Esq^r.”

} R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 8, 9, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 88, 91, 94, 98, 103, 105, 108 and 114 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Adjourned Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 17th April last, were read and Approved. It appeared by the said Minutes, that the said Committee granted the following Sums, to wit :

To Bro^r. Henry Rees, late of N^o. 72, . . . \$10.

“ Poutingon, a Sojourning Brother, . . . 10.

M^m. Ann Brobston, Wife of Robert Brobston, . . . 10.

Total \$30.

The Grand Secretary Reported, That since S^t. John's Day in December last he had receiv'd the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit :

For Dispensations, \$205.

For Certificates, 58.82.

For Books of Ahiman Rezon, 1.33.

Total, \$265.15.

Which was Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The Petition of Charles L. Stewart was read, stating that by reason of Misfortunes he is unable to pay the balance of \$32 owing by him for Rent up to the 2nd Ultimo, for the School Room in the Hall of this Grand Lodge, and praying the Grand Lodge to remit the same. Whereupon, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

A Commission from Lodge N^o. 43, held at Lancaster, was read, Appointing Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r their Proxy, to represent the said Lodge in this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, Bro^r. Hennessy was duly recognized as such.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, (so stiling themselves,) of the 14th April last, respecting their Organization, and Two Communications from S^t John's Lodge, N^o. 31, held in Charleston, dated 7th January and 9th March last, in Opposition to the proceedings of the said Grand Lodge of South Carolina, were read and referr'd to the same Committee to whom the former Communications and said subject were referr'd, being Bro^m. J. B. Smith, Duplessis, Baker, Bradford and Tybout to examine and Report thereon.

A Petition from Bro^r. Robert Porter was read, setting forth that he was a Member of the late Lodge N^o. 56 at Carlisle, and that he withdrew therefrom before the Warrant thereof was Vacated, and praying for a Grand Lodge Certificate, which was accordingly granted.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o. 5, held at Cantwell's Bridge, Delaware State. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Richard Mansfield, W. M., Bro^r. Rev^d. Henry Lyon Davis, S. W.; Bro^r. Alexander Briscoe, J. W.; Bro^r. John Moody, Secretary; Bro^r. John Merritt, Esq^r. Treasurer. Return of Members up to 27th December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to the same Time.

Lodge N^o. 21, held at Harrisburgh. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Joseph Shinberger, W. M.; Bro^r. Isaac Mytinger, S. W.; Bro^r. Jeremiah Rees, J. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Wain, Secretary; Bro^r. John A. Steley, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John Suter, W. M^r; Bro^r. Samuel Lippencott, S. W.; Bro^r. Stacy K. Potts, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Friel, Secretary; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 108, held at Wysox and Orwell, Wayne County. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. William Myers, W. M^r; Bro^r. Roger Fowler, S. W.; Bro^r. Theran Darling, J. W.; Bro^r. Alpheus Choate, Secretary; Bro^r. Asahel Johnson, Treasurer. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues to December last.

A Letter was read from Bro^r. Edward Brooks, informing that in virtue of the Dispensation to him directed, he had duly Constituted the "Desired Re-Union Lodge, N^o. 112," at the City of New Orleans on the 17th December last. Bro^r. Brooks with the said Letter transmitted the Warrant of the late Lodge N^o. 47 formerly held at Port au Prince.

Resolved, That the New Hall Committee be Authorized to call on and request the W. Masters of the several Lodges held in this City to collect, as speedily as possible, the sums subscribed by their respective Members for the erection of the New Hall, and also to solicit further subscriptions or Loans from the said Lodges.

Resolved, That the Hall Committee be directed to enquire into irregularities said to have been committed within the Hall either by Bro^r. Grand Tyler or any other Brother Member of any Lodge meeting in the Hall or otherwise, and Report.

Resolved, That the Hall Committee do procure a suitable Apron for the R. W. Grand Master to replace the one taken from the Hall.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Saturday, 24th June, 1809.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. D. Grand Master.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Robert McCullagh, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Bro^r. John Darragh, S. G. Deacon, P. T.

“ Samuel Lippincott, J. G. Deacon, P. T.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. P. G. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 45, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 88, 98, 103, 105, 108 and 114 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master presented a Letter to him from Bro^r. Crawford, R. W. Grand Master of Maryland, containing a complaint respecting the Initiation of a certain Hugh Bonner, (an Inhabitant of Baltimore, and who was rejected in a Lodge in Baltimore,) who was lately made by Dispensation in Lodge N^o. 19, in this City, which was read, and Bro^r. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and Grand Treasurer were appointed a Committee to make enquirey concerning the premisses, and Report a Regulation of the Subject.

The Lodges being called on for their Returns, the following Returns were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia. Bro^r. William Meguire, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Cluley, S. W.; Bro^r. Joshua Fletcher, J. W.; Bro^r. John Phillips, Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Burden, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 3, held at Philadelphia, returning Bro^r. John Maull, W. M.; Bro^r. Mark Richards, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Jordan, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Wythe, Secretary ; Bro^r. James Ker, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of this Day, returning Bro^r. Thomas Entricken, W. M.; Bro^r. Solomon Poalke, S. W.; Bro^r. James Gillmer, J. W.; Bro^r. John Allison, Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of this Day, returning Bro^r. Thomas Elliott, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Gregory, S. W.; Bro^r. James M. Linnard, J. W.; Bro^r. Blaithwaite J. Shober, Secretary ; Bro^r. William T. Donaldson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of this Day, returning Bro^r. Garrett Lynch, W. M.; Bro^r. Hugh

Gray, S. W.; Bro^r. James Perle, J. W.; Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r. Secretary; Bro^r. Philip Boyle, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Letter from said Lodge dated 19th Instant, mentioning their having sent \$50 on Account of their Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of this Day, returning Bro^r. Samuel Lippincott, W. M.; Bro^r. Stacy K. Potts, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Belsterling, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Cummins, Secretary; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of this Day, returning Bro^r. John Darragh, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Robert Johnson, S. W.; Bro^r. Robert Dinin, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secretary; Bro^r. John Johnson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of this Day, returning Bro^r. John Carter, W. M.; Bro^r. Frederick Mayer, S. W.; Bro^r. Adam Hammer, J. W.; Bro^r. John Snyder, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of this Day, returning Bro^r. Robert Peter Branu, W. M.; Bro^r. Pageot Desnoutieres, S. W.; Bro^r. Louis Howard, J. W.; Bro^r. John B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. James L. Vauclain, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 104, held at Strasburgh Township, Lancaster County. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Nathaniel W. Sample, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Lightner, S. W.; Bro^r. John Carpenter, J. W.; Bro^r. Eli Thomas, Secretary; Bro^r. Joel Lightner, Treasurer. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to December last.

Lodge N^o. 113, held at Pittsburgh. Return to the Dispensation for Constituting said Lodge, whereby it appeared that the same was duly Constituted on the 3rd Instant and Named "Ohio Lodge," which was sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that in compliance with the Warrant granted to hold a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia under the Name of "Solomon's Lodge," N^o. 114, he was pleased on the 22nd March last to call his Grand Officers and other Brethren, and opened a Grand Lodge for the purpose of proceeding to the Constituting the

said Lodge and installing their W. M^r. and other Officers, which was done according to the Ancient Usages and Customs of Ancient Masons.

Election Return of said Lodge N^o. 114, of this Day, returning Bro^r. Samuel B. Ellis, W. M.; Bro^r. Peter Bobb, S. W.; Bro^r. James Harper, jun^r. J. W.; Bro^r. Alexander Napcei, Secretary; Bro^r. James Smallman, Treasurer.

An Address was received and read from Lodge N^o. 73, informing of their having contributed towards the relief of the French Exiles lately arrived here from the West Indies, &c. On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered that the said Address be filed amongst the Archives of the Grand Lodge, and that the proceedings of Lodge N^o. 73 meet with our warmest approbation.

The Committee appointed to take possession of the Warrant, Books, &c., &c., of the late Lodge N^o. 80 made Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“We the Subscribers, agreeable to a Resolution, and by the
 “Authority of the Grand Lodge, do Certify that we did attend
 “at Unity Lodge, N^o. 80, (held in Sadsbury Township, Chester
 “County,) on the 3^d Day of March, 1809, in Order to declare
 “said Warrant Vacated, and take possession of said Warrant,
 “Books, Jewells, &c., at which Time we performed said Duties
 “enjoined upon us by said Authority, and herewith deliver
 “unto said G. L. all the aforesaid Articles, with all the
 “papers, &c., which were delivered unto us by the said Lodge.
 “And further, we do declare it is our Opinion that, (from the
 “abuses of Masonry which have existed in that Lodge for
 “many years,) a Warrant ought not to be granted unto those
 “from whom it has been taken, but that said Warrant had
 “better be retained by the G. L. until a sufficient Number of
 “worthy Brethren, (who can be well recommended,) come for-
 “ward and make application for the same.
 “June 9th, 1809.

(Sign'd)

“JOSEPH LEFEVER.

“JOEL LIGHTNER, JUN^r.

“JAMES PARK.

“NAT^l. W. SAMPLE, JUN^r.

Which Report was accepted and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be Authorized upon the request of the New Hall Committee, to supply any Vacancy happening in the said Committee by Resignation, non-attendance or otherwise.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that Bro^m Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r, Duplessis and Bradford be a Committee to Consider and Report on the propriety of paying to the Widow of the late Bro^r Joseph Dean, the Annual Interest on the purchase Money received by this Grand Lodge for the Lot at the Corner of Twelfth and Walnut Streets, formerly the property of said Bro^r Dean.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Address the Grand Lodge, Reporting that he had lately Visited all the Lodges in the City with his Officers, and presented the Circular Address delivered by him at the said Grand Visitations. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be presented with the Thanks of the Grand Lodge, and that the said Two Addresses be entered on the Minutes and also printed and forwarded to all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and to all the Grand Lodges with whom we Correspond.

The said Addresses are as follows, Viz :

“ My respected Brethren :

“ I meet you on this anniversary of our Holy Patron St^t
“ John, with sentiments of grateful acknowledgment to the
“ almighty architect of the universe for the harmony and
“ prosperity enjoyed by the Craft under this Jurisdiction dur-
“ ing the past year.

“ Convinced by my own experience and the opinion of my
“ enlightened coadjutors of the great utility arising from a
“ periodical visitation of the Lodges in this City, I have again
“ in conjunction with my Officers completed the performance
“ of that duty.

“ Our visitations were attended with the usual solemnity
“ and a critical investigation was made into the Masonic
“ transactions of each Lodge since the preceding visitation.

“ Our enquiries have in general had a very satisfactory result
“ to the City Lodges, with one or two exceptions, being in a
“ state of progressive increase and manifesting an unabated
“ attention to the ancient Land Marks, and an earnest desire
“ to conform with exemplary diligence to our advices and in-
“ structions. Obedience to this Grand Lodge as the source
“ and fountain of their Masonic functions, appears to be a dis-
“ tinguishing characteristic of the brethren, and I would be
“ guilty of ingratitude, if I did not personally acknowledge the
“ cheerful acquiescence I have uniformly witnessed, not only
“ in the regulations prescribed by this body, but in the various
“ suggestions, the high and responsible station with which I
“ am honoured from time to time requires me to make.

“ In some of the Lodges the revival noticed in my report of
“ last year is happily continued, and many valuable additions
“ have been made therein to our number of Brethren whose
“ general intelligence and respectable standing in the com-
“ munity, promises greatly to promote the interests of Masonry.

“ Having been favoured with many evidences of conformity
“ on the part of Lodges and of private brethren, to the hints
“ conveyed through the medium of charges on our annual
“ Official communication with the Lodges, I have continued
“ the practice this year and submit very respectfully to the
“ Grand Lodge, a Copy of the charge delivered. Copies of the
“ Reports of the Grand Secretary of his Examination of the
“ Book of transactions of each Lodge will also be laid before
“ you. It gives me infinite pleasure to congratulate you at
“ this time my Brethren on the commencement and prosperous
“ advancement of the New Hall Committee in the erection of
“ that Building. The honor and character of the Craft being
“ pledged for the accomplishment of this great undertaking, it
“ is earnestly to be desired that the Lodges may cheerfully de-
“ vote such means as are in their power, and that individual
“ brethren may be excited to a spirit of liberality and active
“ exertion in effecting an object calculated so highly to recom-
“ mend our institution to public respect and so materially
“ to contribute to the convenience and elegance of our accom-
“ modations. To those Brethren who have subscribed, the

“building is indebted for its present promising aspect, and to those who have not, it is hoped the voice of solicitation will not be required to call forth the assistance they can give.

“As it was deemed advisable to postpone the principal ceremonies that take place on the erection of Masonic Temples until its consecration, and at the same time a decent respect for ancient usage, required that some solemnity should attend the laying of the Corner stone. I performed that service accompanied by the Grand Officers, the New Hall Committee and the Architects and workmen of the Building.

“Let me only add to my desire to see this important work brought to a conclusion, or still more anxious wish that we may all exert ourselves to adore the interior moral compartments of our sacred institution so as to render us worthy of such a residence. Let us forever bear in mind that the man who devotes himself to habits of inebriety, who neglects his business, impoverishes his family, defrauds his neighbour or violates in other respect the leading duties of morality, never can be a good and faithful mason. Let us exclude such from the enjoyment of our privileges, and if any of this description have found their way into our borders, let us admonish them with brotherly affection, and if the counsels of paternal regard be neglected, let us never suffer the purity of our order to be destroyed by continuing such unworthy members among us. Oh! how I desire my brethren to remove from us the stigma of our suffering this hallowed sanctuary to become the nourisher of vicious propensities and the destroyer of virtuous habits. And never will this be done till we realize, as we ought to do, its nature and its objects, and guard with sedulous attention against all indulgencies calculated to mar the utility of our Society and prejudice the world against it.

“In this respect it would be unjust not to acknowledge an increase of care in our lodges, and I view it as the harbinger of still greater efforts to exclude from each the slightest cause of censure or complaint.

“In this and all other methods of exalting the dignity of

“our order and making it pre-eminent in character and usefulness, I would fain contribute my feeble Aid, but on the Great body of the Craft it must depend, to support with united and unvarying constancy this Venerable relict of the Wisdom and benevolence of our Ancestors. May their duty and their inclinations be found in harmonious coincidence, and may we and posterity be enabled to feel the benefits of their well directed exertions.”

Circular address.

“Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren :

“That the Masonic institution has a just and unquestionable claim to great antiquity of origin, is generally admitted. Various and deep have been the researches of learned men, to discover the time, the place and the manner of its commencement; but these researches though undertaken from commendable motives, pursued with indefatigable industry, and resulting in the development of much important information, have been by no means satisfactory on the principal point of enquiry. It is true, that the principles of our fraternity are coeval with creation, and it can be ascertained, with historical certainty, when masonry was introduced into particular Countries; but the discovery of such a fact in any instance, proves its pre-existence elsewhere, and we have still the question unanswered, when and where was the Corner stone of this stupendous and beautiful fabric first laid? Shall our uncertainty on this head be a subject of regret and dissatisfaction? By no means. It is itself conclusive evidence of the remote period of time, when wisdom must have planned the design, strength of exertion have erected and the beauty of taste adorned our glorious temple. A Temple of such wonderful construction as to have subsisted during a lapse of Centuries upon Centuries that have already passed by, and still to defy with equal boldness, the moulderings of time, the sappings of its false friends and the attacks of its open and avowed enemies. Nay further, with such well adjusted proportion and admirable arrangement were its interior compartments originally formed, that it has needed and been susceptible of less improvement than any other of the works of man.

“It is not our anxiety to alter and amend this venerable undecaying structure, but to maintain it in its pristine form.

“Wherever the presumptuous and unhallowed hand of a modern architect has been employed in such attempts, he has only marred for a moment its beauty and its strength, and more faithful craftsmen have indignantly removed the unseemly appendages with which vanity and folly under the pretence of amendment, would have disfigured this noble monument of the wisdom of *Olden times*.”

“Let us, my Brethren, walk in the foot steps of our honoured predecessors who have officiated with dignity and virtue in the mysteries of this sacred temple within the veil. Let us remove not its ancient pillars nor disturb its firm and well settled foundation, and, under the protecting care of the Supreme Grand Master, we shall continue to enjoy all the comforts and delights with which its votaries have heretofore been blessed. It will still remain what it was most appropriately stiled by one of the most faithful Brothers and best of men, now exalted to the high degree of a companion in the Grand Lodge above with the worthy masters who had gone that way before him, our beloved Washington, it will still remain a sanctuary for Brothers and a Lodge ‘for the Virtues.’ It is a source of inexpressible pleasure to us, my Brethren, to meet you at this time with no complaints or regrets on account of any of the Masonic occurrences of the past year.”

“Since we last had the satisfaction of an Official communication with you, we can truly say that the work of the craft has prospered in our hands. We assume not to ourselves the merit of the Improvement that daily passes under our notice in the orderly conduct of our mysteries in the Zeal and Industry of our diligent Masters and Officers, in the punctual attendance and correct deportment of our private members in the Lodge, and their general discharge of Masonic and social duty. We know that such improvement is taking place, and we rejoice at it, ascribing the merit not to ourselves, not to any single individual, but to the many worthy brethren, who, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-

“ vania, have so sedulously engaged in the laudable pursuits
“ of Masonry. Nevertheless, my brethren, the efforts of those
“ whom you have honoured with eminent stations amongst
“ you, will not be wanting whenever they can give direction
“ and effect to your well meant exertions for the benefit of
“ Masonry, and it will be their duty and delight to aid as well
“ by precept as example, in maintaining unsullied and entire,
“ the Ancient Land Marks of our order.

“ With an honest view to this object, let us press on your
“ attention the necessity of excluding everything from the
“ Lodge that would interrupt its harmony, diminish personal
“ candour and freedom of intercourse, or obstruct an inter-
“ change of friendly Acts.

“ It is our good fortune to inhabit ‘ a Land flowing with
“ Milk and honey,’ to live under the freest and best of gov-
“ ernments, and to luxuriate in all the bounties of a kind and
“ benignant providence.”

“ But great as are our blessings and enjoyments, so imper-
“ fect is nature of man, or perhaps so various as to sentiments
“ and opinion, has the same providence that bestowed such
“ blessings, designedly formed the minds of men, that differ-
“ ences among us as to our public measures do and probably
“ will forever subsist.”

“ At the present eventful period, amidst the concussions of
“ European empires, amidst the inflictions of unprovoked and
“ cruel injuries on our beloved Country by foreign Nations, a
“ considerable division of opinion prevails amongst ourselves
“ as to the application of a remedy to our acknowledged pub-
“ lic evils. As free Citizens occupying various stations in
“ civil society, each of the members of our fraternity will
“ make his own reflections from his own conclusions, and
“ pursue that line of conduct which his conscience and his
“ duty appear to require of him. To very different results,
“ and to very different course of action will the minds of in-
“ dividuals be led, and Charity, (the Bond of our Union and
“ the governing principle of every true Mason,) should forbid
“ us to attribute unworthy motives to such as think and act
“ differently from ourselves.”

“Connected with the other benefits of this Society, may it
“not at such a crisis as this be eminently useful in softening
“the asperities of party, in begetting kindlier sentiments
“among brethren of the same family, and by assuaging a
“spirit of heat and rancour, be one means of calmly conducting
“our Country to more just and beneficial measures for the
“common prosperity, than can be expected to prevail in a
“season of private feuds and public violence and discord? It
“is highly honourable to our institution, wherever it has sub-
“sisted, we know it to be the most pre-eminently so to that
“portion of it under our own immediate cognizance, that how-
“ever independently each of our members may discharge
“what he believes to be his duty as a Citizen, no attempt has
“been successful in introducing the ungracious stranger
“‘*Politicks*’ into our borders. We enquire no man’s political
“or religious Creed; We advance the right hand of fellowship
“to those who differ from us on these difficult and intricate
“topics with as little hesitancy as to those whose opinions are
“most congenial with our own, and we unite in the advance-
“ment of our fellows but the one enquirey ‘Is he a good
“Mason?’

“We have esteemed it our duty at this Juncture to felicitate
“you, my Brethren, that you enjoy such an asylum of rest
“as your Lodge affords you, from all the bickerings of party,
“and the excitement of Civil contention, and we affectionately
“conjure you, as you value your sacred obligations, the tran-
“quility of your own minds, and the inestimable order to
“which we belong, never to depart from the principles equally
“enjoined by the universal philanthropy of its design, as by
“its positive regulations and precepts.

“Let us also entreat you to exercise your accustomed cau-
“tion in guarding against every circumstance that in any
“manner whatever, may tend to lessen the pleasures of our
“masonic intercourse.”

“Never suffer a momentary burst of anger, or an ill natured
“personal remark to escape you in the transaction of the busi-
“ness of the Lodge, But in discussing the various points of in-
“ternal concern that occasionally call forth debate, let your

“language and demeanor constantly be of that mild and
“gentle kind, which the endearing relation of Brother de-
“mands of you.”

“Excuse us for repeating the advice we have heretofore
“given, that obedience to the presiding Officer should be
“greatly regarded by every member, and that even a mis-
“taken opinion of the chair should be submitted to, rather
“than the order of the Lodge be interrupted by any apposity.”

“We have also formerly remonstrated against the hindrance
“and disturbance to which our ordinary business, and even
“our sacred mysteries, are sometimes subjected by brethren,
“unnecessarily and unfrequently, withdrawing from the room
“during their transaction. This Evil, we are happy to say,
“is considerably lessened, but it is not wholly removed and it
“is greatly to be feared that while some brethren, whose age
“and standing should make them bright examples to the
“more young and inexperienced, are negligent in this respect,
“the practice will continue to prevail in our Lodges. Our
“requests, however, having been in other instances satisfac-
“torily complied with, we will yet hope for amendment in a
“particular of such obvious utility and very easy attainment.

“On many other topics relating to the order and govern-
“ment of the different Lodges, and your personal obligations
“and duties as masons, the charges of former years have been
“full and explicit.

“We have, with openness and candour, discovered to you
“what we viewed as faults, and pointed out means for their
“correction.

“Our intimations have been receiv'd with kindness, and in
“a good degree attended to with promptness. We have only
“to request your revisal of those charges and a continued at-
“tention to the Counsels they suggest.

“Numerous, my Brethren, have been the additions to our
“Society in this City during the past year, and perhaps no
“period of our existence as a body in this place, has presented
“a more commendable zeal in our own members, or a more
“widely extended desire of a union with the Craft than the
“present.

“This is a source of high gratification to us all, and it is
“only to be desired that in the indulgence granted to the
“anxiety of others to unite themselves with our order, we may
“not forget what is due to ourselves and the fraternity, but
“guard with more sedulousness than ever against the admis-
“sion of improper characters among us.”

“We have now to notice, my brethren, an event of pro-
“pitious aspect to the local prosperity of Masonry in this
“place.

“The Grand Lodge has resolved to erect a Masonic Edifice,
“of such dimensions and stile, as to afford ample accomoda-
“tion for that Body, and the subordinate Lodges and its ap-
“pearance and structure to do honour to the Craft of this
“City.

“No one acquainted with the inconveniencies and inele-
“gance of this place of meeting, can doubt, but that the com-
“pletion of this great undertaking will be of immense advan-
“tage to the institution, and we therefore are sanguine in the
“expectation that each individual will feel a pride and pleas-
“ure in contributing his aid, and encouraging others to lend
“a helping hand in raising this intended external exhibition
“of the Grandeur and sublimity of Masonry.

“The funds of the Grand Lodge alone are by no means
“equal to the attainment of this desirable object.

“Each Lodge, as well as each Brother, must be willing to
“render its assistance so far as its means will admit, and when
“it is considered that the work is now progressing with
“rapidity, and that pecuniary contributions are now wanted,
“we hope that it will be remembered, that according to the
“Old adage, ‘he gives twice who gives it promptly.’

“The flourishing state of Masonry, its encreased estimation
“with the public, and the enterprise and ardour, tempered by
“prudence and Judgment, of many of its professors, induce a
“confident hope that the revolution of another year may find
“us in possession of accomodations better comporting with the
“dignity of our order and convenience in the discharge of its
“duties.

“Those continuing to dwell together in unity we may

“reasonably expect an increase of our members, and without which it is not to be desired, a corresponding increase in the respectability and utility of our Society.

“Let it not however be supposed while we importune your support for our Masonic Temple that we ask you to interrupt the Godlike Offices of Charity on this Account. No! my Brethren! we should indeed enter that Temple when completed, however magnificent its external architecture and its internal ornaments and decorations, with hearts filled with sorrow and regret did we believe the means of its erection to have been taken from the worthy suffering Brother, the weeping Widow, or the helpless Orphan. It is to be hoped that no such sacrifice of our principles, no such departure from our practices is necessary, and that we shall best insure a divine benediction on our exertions to accomplish the former object by an unintermitted attention to the latter.

“To the sacred oracles that lie open before you, I need not refer for the advice of inspiration itself to add to your brotherly kindness charity, ‘or to inform you that a faithful discharge of this duty will’ cover a multitude of Sins, and that he truly honours God who remembereth the Poor.

“Your feelings anticipate all my suggestions, and the practice of Alms giving, preceeded by due enquirey as to merit, and regulated by the circumstances of your funds, will still exhibit itself as the brightest ornament of your recorded transactions.

“The duties of this visitation are now fulfilled.

“The Lodge will be pleased to accept our earnest wishes for its encrease, harmony, prosperity.

“We salute you individually, brethren, desiring with Sincerity and paternal regard your personal Welfare, and supplicating the great Architect of heaven and earth, our Supreme Grand Master and bountiful benefactor, to shower down upon you still more abundantly the blessings of his providence to make your connection with Masonry contribute to the advancement of all your virtues, and redound to your comfort and happiness here and hereafter.

"Amen! so mote it be."

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock at noon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th September, A. D. 1800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" James Tatem, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" William Wray, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

" Samuel Lippincott, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Robert Pullen Grand Sword Bearer.

" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 91, 108, 105, 108 and 114 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Grand General Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 21st August were read and Approved. It appeared that the Committee on the Day granted the Sum of \$10, to a Bro^r. Uriah Wallace, from Virginia.

A Petition was read from Bro^r. Martin Saurman, lately a Member of Lodge N^o. 67, praying Relief. Whereupon, Re-

solved, That the Sum of \$20 be placed in the Hands of Bro^{rs} Phillips and Ellis, to be applied to his Use if found Worthy.

The Grand Secretary Reported, that since the last Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit :

For Dispensations,	\$70.
For Certificates.	31.14
For Books of Ahiman Rezon,	5.33
Dues of Lodge N ^o 3, Philadelphia,	130.50
ditto " " 9, Philadelphia,	100.21
On Account Dues of Lodge N ^o 70,	30.
On Account the late Lodge N ^o 80,	5.
On Account Lodge N ^o 92,	28.25
On Account Lodge N ^o 104,	50.
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Total	\$450.43

Which was Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of 1st May last, was read and referr'd to the Committee on Communications from Charleston, S. C., to examine and Report thereon.

It contained the following Rejections and Expulsions, Viz :

Rejections, Viz :

H—— B——, by St^h John's Lodge, N^o 34 ; W—— H——, by Potomac Lodge, N^o 43.

Expulsions, Viz :

H—— B——, D—— D——, R—— M——, J—— C——, P—— H——, E—— L——, D—— T——, J—— D——, by Federal Lodge, N^o 15 ; J—— G——, D—— W——, J—— C——, by Columbia Lodge, N^o 35.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of 18th June, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon. It contained the following Expulsions, Viz : T—— B——, F—— H. H——, by Lodge N^o 1 ; W—— P——, D—— W——, S—— A. J——, by Lodge N^o 17 ; J—— W——, by Lodge N^o 18 ; C—— A——, W—— F——, by Lodge N^o 37 ; J—— M——, A—— S——, by Lodge N^o 39 ; J—— P——, by Lodge N^o 53 ; J—— W——, by Lodge N^o 77.

Two Communications from Charleston, South Carolina, of the 18th May and 2nd August, containing the proceedings of a Convention and the formation of a New Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, were read and refer'd to the Committee on former Communications from South Carolina on said subject, to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, of 3^d June, was read and refer'd to the Committee on Communications from Charleston to examine and Report thereon.

It Communicated that the following Lodges have been struck off for Non payment of Dues :

Columbia,	N ^o 3,	held at Augusta.
Washington,	5,	“ “ Washington.
Little River,	7,	“ “ Little River.
Georgetown,	11,	“ “ Georgetown.
Elbert,	12,	“ “ Waynesborough.
S ^t Tammany,	13,	“ “ Golphinton.
Forsyth,	14,	“ “ Augusta.
Amity,	15,	
Camden,	16,	“ “ S ^t Mary's.
Petersburgh,	21,	“ “ Petersburgh.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members up to December last, containing the Expulsions of G—— A—— and T—— A——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to same Time, Amounting to \$83.50. Communication of the Expulsion of J—— C——.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members to December last, containing the rejection of C—— B——, and the Expulsions of H—— K——, T—— M——, C—— S——, J—— C——, H—— K——, R—— H——.

Lodge N^o 19, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members up to December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o 22, held at Sunbury. A Letter from the Master of said Lodge, Apologizing for not having their Returns, but promising them shortly.

Lodge N^o 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. William Kirkpatrick, W. M.; Bro^r. Jeremiah Mosher, S. W.; Bro^r. William Hamilton, J. W.; Bro^r. William Greer, Secretary; Bro^r. Egbert Taylor, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Suspension of C—— C. C——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 50, held at West Chester. Communication of an Alteration in their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to the Committee on the Bye Laws of Subordinate Lodges to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Spence Dewees, W. M.; Bro^r. John Crocket, S. W.; Bro^r. Clement Lee Brady, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Bussier, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 67, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 70, held at Tioga Point. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Joseph Kingsbury, W. M.; Bro^r. Elisha Satterlee, S. W.; Bro^r. Zephon Flower, J. W.; Bro^r. David Paine, Secretary; Bro^r. John Spalding, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of E—— B. G—— Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Letter from said Lodge, dated 13th July, which was referr'd to the Committee on the State of the Lodges in the Country to examine and Report thereon. Bro^r. J. B. N. Smith, a Member of the said Committee, having removed to Pittsburgh, Bro^r. James Tatem was appointed in his room.

Lodge N^o 88, lately held at S^t Marc, S^t Domingo. A Letter from Bro^r. Maurice Rogers, late Treasurer of said Lodge, informing of the dissolution of the said Lodge, and enclosing the Warrant of the same, which was Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge to be made use of as the Grand Lodge shall hereafter direct.

Lodge N^o 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. W. M.; Bro^r. David Edwin, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph T. Hallowell, J. W.; Bro^r. Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Treasurer. Communication of the rejections of J—— B—— and H—— F——.

- Lodge N^o 92, held at Union Town, Fayette County. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r Robert McClure, W. M.; Bro^r Benjamin Miller, S. W.; Bro^r Jonathan Downer, J. W.; Bro^r William Downard, Secretary; Bro^r Patrick McDonald, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the rejection of W—— H——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.
- Lodge N^o 94, held at New Hope, Coryells Ferry. Return of Members to December last, containing the Expulsions of J—— M—— and J—— M——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.
- Lodge N^o 102, held at Frankford. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r Robert Whitaker, W. M.; Bro^r Tarryl Williams, S. W.; Bro^r Levi Dungan, J. W.; Bro^r John Worrell, Secretary; Bro^r Samuel Worrell, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.
- Lodge N^o 109, held at S^t Genevieve, Louisiana Terr^y. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r Otho Shrader, Esq^r W. M.; Bro^r Henry Dodge, S. W.; Bro^r John Scott, J. W.; Bro^r Thomas Oliver, Secretary; Bro^r Ezekiel Fenwick, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Resolution directing the Old Hall not to be sold under \$5000, be rescinded.

The New Hall Committee Reported that Daniel Carrell had offered \$4500 for the Hall and Lot of Ground of this Grand Lodge, situate on the South side of Filbert Street between 8th and 9th Streets from the River Delaware, in the City of Philadelphia. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said offer be accepted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Surviving Trustees who hold the said Hall and Lot of Ground and Premises with the Appurtenances in Trust for this Grand Lodge, being Bro^m Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq^r James Milnor, Esq^r Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq^r Gavin Hamilton and George Adam Baker be, and they are hereby Authorized and directed, to grant and Convey the same to the said Daniel Car-

rell in Fee Simple for the Consideration Money above mentioned.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 9 o'clock, P. M. to the 3rd Monday in October at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th October, A. D. 1809.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand M^r.

“ John Maule, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Thomas Entriken, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ George Alcorn, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Charles Cummins, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 43, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105 and 108 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Communication were read.

A Petition from M^{rs}. Catharine Sisson, Widow of the late Bro^r. Sisson, was read, stating that certain Lands, &c., which were the property of her Father, the late Bro^r. Alexander Rutherford, are unjustly taken or detained from her and praying assistance. Whereupon, Bro^{ms}. Hennessy, Phillips and Erringer were appointed a Committee to Examine into the Premises and make Report.

The Committee appointed at the last Communication on the Petition of Bro^r. Martin Saurman, Reported, that they had found him in Distress and relieved him with the sum of Ten Dollars, which was Approved.

The Committee of Accounts made Report on the Account of Bro^r. Baker, Grand Secretary, up to St^t John's Day, the 27th December last, which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania : We, the Committee of Accounts, beg leave to Report that we have fully investigated the Accounts of Bro^r. George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary, from St^t John's Day, 27th December, A. L. 5807, to St^t John's Day, A. L. 5808, and find on that Day last mentioned, a balance remaining in the Hands of Bro^r. George A. Baker, to the Credit of this Right W. Grand Lodge of Eighty Eight Dollars and Twenty Nine Cents. Which we respectfully Submit.

“Philad^a. 16th Oct^r. 1809.

(Sign'd)

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ THO^a. HENNESSY.”

Which Report was Unanimously Approved.

The Committee on the state of the Country Lodges made Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

“The Committee appointed to enquire and Report what Lodges under the Jurisdiction of Your R. W. Grand Lodge have heretofore been Constituted, when they were so Constituted and their respective places of Meeting, which of the said Lodges have been otherwise Vacated or become extinct, and which of them remain in full standing, the Amount, (so far as it is practicable to be ascertained,) of the Dues owing by each Lodge when they have severally last communicated with the Grand Lodge and generally into the Circumstances and situation of all the Lodges out of the City of Philadelphia. Respectfully Report as follows, to wit : That Lodge

- " N^o. 5, Cantwells Bridge, Delaware State. Warrant granted 24th June, 1765, and Surrendered and renewed 27 Decem^r. 1787. Returns up to December, 1808. Paid up to same Time.
- " N^o. 6, George Town, Maryland. Granted 23 May, 1766. Surrendered 3^d May, 1790. No Returns. Nothing paid.
- " N^o. 7, Chestertown. Not known when granted. Has joined the Grand Lodge of Maryland. No Returns.
- " N^o. 8, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Granted 24 June, 1766, and Surrendered and renewed 26th January, 1789. Has ceased long since. No Returns.
- " N^o. 9, Lancaster. Not known when granted. Surrendered 18th December, 1779.
- " N^o. 10, Baskenridge, New Jersey. Not known when granted. Joined the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
- " N^o. 11, Newtown, Bucks County. Granted 17th August, 1768. Surrendered the 24th December, 1781.
- " N^o. 11, London Grove, Chester County. Granted 16 Feb^r. 1782, and Surrendered and renewed 7th March, 1791. Returns made to December, 1806. Paid to about June, 1804.
- " N^o. 12, Bucks County. Not known when granted. Surrendered, not known when.
- " N^o. 12, Winchester, Virginia. Granted 4th October, 1768. Surrendered and renewed the 17th March, 1787. Surrendered 5th January, 1807, to join the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Returns made to December, 1806. Paid in full to same Time.
- " N^o. 14, Christiana Ferry, afterwards at Wilmington, Delaware State. Granted 27th December, 1769, and Surrendered and renewed 22nd January, 1789. Vacated the 15th September, 1806, for Unmasonic proceedings in the establishment of the pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware. Returns made to December, 1784. The only payment made by said Lodge was £5, 9 on the 2nd July, 1781.

- "N^o. 15, Baltimore. Granted 28th June, 1770. Surrendered 3^d May, 1790. No Returns. Nothing paid.
- "N^o. 16, Baltimore. Granted 21st September, 1779. Ceased long since. No Returns. Nothing paid.
- "N^o. 17, Queens Town, Queen Ann's County, Maryland. Granted 16th September, 1773. Surrendered the 3^d May, 1790. No Returns.
- "N^o. 18, In the 17th British Regiment of Foot, called "Unity Lodge." During the American Revolution the Warrant fell into the Hands of the American Army. General Parsons returned the same with the following Letter.

"WEST JERSEY HIGHLANDS,
July 23, 1779.

"Brethren.

"When the Ambition of Monarchs or jarring Interests of contending States call forth their Subjects to War, as Masons we are disarmed of that Resentment which stimulates to undistinguished Desolation, and however our political Sentiments may impel us in the public Dispute, we are still Brethren, and, (our professional Duty apart,) ought to promote the Happiness and advance the Weal of each other. Accept, therefore, at the Hands of a Brother the Constitution of the Lodge Unity, N^o. 18, to be held in the 17th British Regiment, which your late Misfortunes have put in my Power to restore to you. I am

"Your Brother and Obedient Servant,

(Address'd)

"SAMUEL H. PARSONS.

"To Master and Wardens of
Lodge Unity, N^o. 18, upon
the Registry of England."

No Returns. Nothing paid. The last Communication from said Lodge was from Shelbourne in June, 1786.

- "N^o. 18, Dover, Kent County, Delaware State. Granted 26th August, 1775, and Surrendered and renewed 31st May, 1787. Has ceased long since. Returns to 1787. Nothing paid.

- “N^o. 19, In the First Pennsylvania Regiment of Artillery in the Service of the United States. Granted 18th May, 1779. Surrendered. No Returns.
- “N^o. 20, North Carolina, Regimental. Not known when granted. Vacated. No Returns.
- “N^o. 21, Lodge “Perseverance,” Harrisburgh. Granted 4th October, 1779, and Surrendered and renewed the 15th March, 1787. Returns to June, 1808. Paid in full to June, 1808.
- “N^o. 22, Sunbury, Northumberland County. Granted 4th October, 1779, and Surrendered and renewed. No Returns ever made. The Amount of \$154.44 paid in different payments on Account of Dues, the last payment was \$50, made on the 20th December, 1808.
- “N^o. 23, Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Granted 29th December, 1779. Joined the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. No Returns.
- “N^o. 24, Reading. Granted 26th January, 1780. Vacated. No Returns.
- “N^o. 25, Bristol. Granted 15th March, 1780, and Surrendered and renewed. Surrendered 31st December, 1801. Returns to December, 1800. Paid in full to same Time.
- “N^o. 26, Carlisle. Granted March, 1780. Surrendered. No Returns.
- “N^o. 27, Military Lodge, Maryland Line. Granted 4th April, 1780. Vacated. No Returns.
- “N^o. 27, Charleston, South Carolina. Not known when granted. Joined the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. No Returns.
- “N^o. 28, Pennsylvania Line. Not known when granted. Vacated. No Returns.
- “N^o. 29, Military Line, Pennsylvania. Granted 4th August, 1780. Surrendered 20th Dec^r. 1784. No Returns.
- “N^o. 29, Cambridge, Maryland. Not known when granted. Joined the Grand Lodge of Maryland. No Returns.
- “N^o. 30, Altogether unknown whether there was a Warrant of this Number or not.

- “ N^o 31, Travelling Warrant. Not known when granted. Vacated. No Returns.
- “ N^o 31, Norristown. Granted 26 March, 1781, and Surrendered and Renewed 14th December, 1789. Vacated for Delinquency, 6th April, 1806. Returns to 1794. Paid \$33.33 the 4th March, 1793.
- “ N^o 32, Burlington. Granted 26th March, 1781. Surrendered in April, 1787, to join the G. L. of New Jersey. No Returns.
- “ N^o 33, New Castle. Granted 18th December, 1780, and Surrendered and renewed 1st March, 1790. Vacated 15th September, 1806, for Unmasonic proceedings in the formation of the pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware. Returns to December, 1801. Paid in full to same Time.
- “ N^o 34, Talbot County, Maryland. Granted 12 July, 1781. Surrendered 3 May, 1790. No Returns.
- “ N^o 35, Joppa, Harford County, Maryland. Granted 1st February, 1782. Ceased long since. No Returns. Nothing paid.
- “ N^o (), On the 2nd September, 1782, the Grand Lodge Resolved, that the prayer of a Petition for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Easton, Northampton County, be granted. But it does not appear that anything further was done in the business.
- “ N^o 36, In the New Jersey Brigade. Granted 2 Sep^r 1782. Surrendered 20th December, 1784. No Returns.
- “ N^o 37, Princess Ann, Somerset County, Maryland. Granted 2nd September, 1782. Joined the G. Lodge of Maryland. No Returns.
- “ N^o 38, Charlestown, South Carolina. Granted 23^d December, 1782. Surrendered. No Returns.
- “ N^o 39, Alexandria, Virginia. Granted 3 Febr^r 1783. Joined the Grand Lodge of Virginia. No Returns.
- “ N^o 41, ‘S^t Andrews Lodge,’ Charlestown, South Carolina. Granted 12 July, 1783. Surrendered and renewed 25 May, 1787. Surrendered 24 September, 1787,

- and joined the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.
No Returns.
- “N^o. 41, Portsmouth, Virginia. Granted 26 June, 1784, and Surrendered and renewed 24th June, 1790. Has ceased long since. Returns to June, 1790. Payments made on Account to Amount of \$25.73 up to September 6, 1790.
- “N^o. 42, Savannah, Georgia. Granted 29th October, 1784. Joined the G. Lodge of Georgia. Paid in full to the Time of their joining the G. Lodge of Georgia.
- “N^o. 43, Lancaster. Granted 21st April, 1785, and Surrendered and renewed 14th July, 1787. Returns to June, 1809. Paid in full to June, 1808.
- “N^o. 44, Duck Creek Cross Roads, Delaware State. Granted 24th June, 1785, and Surrendered and renewed 6th September, 1790. Has ceased long since. Returns to 1791. Nothing paid.
- “N^o. 45, Pittsburgh. Granted 27 Decem^r. 1785, and Surrendered and renewed 27th March, 1787. Returns to December, 1808. Payments to about same Time.
- “N^o. 46, Church Town, now at Ephrata, Lancaster County. Granted 7th June, 1790. Vacated 7 April, 1806, for Delinquency ; Re-instated 1st September, 1806. Returns to December, 1805. Paid to about December, 1807.
- “N^o. (), The 3^d February, 1786, the Grand Lodge granted a Warrant for Cape Francois but which was returned.
- “N^o. 47, Charlestown, South Carolina. Granted 22nd November, 1786. Surrendered. No Returns. Nothing paid.
- “N^o. 47, Reading, Pennsylvania. Granted 27 Decem^r. 1786. Surrendered 7 June, 1790. No Returns. Nothing paid.
- “N^o. 47, ‘Union of Franco American Hearts,’ at Port au Prince. Granted 18 Decem^r. 1789. Vacated for Delinquency 7th April, 1806. Returns to 1800. Indebted up to the period of the last Returns, the balance, \$31.18.

- “ N^o. 48, Bedford. Granted 28 December, 1789. Vacated for Delinquency, 7th April, 1806. Returns to June, 1800. Paid to about same period.
- “ N^o. 49, Moreland Township, Montgomery County. Granted 6th September, 1790. Warrant not issued and Vacated.
- “ N^o. 50, White Horse, Chester County, since in the Borough of West Chester. Granted 6 December, 1790. Returns to December, 1807. Paid Dues to about December, 1804.
- “ N^o. 54, Town of Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Granted 25 June, 1792. Returns to December, 1805. Paid Dues to about June, 1806.
- “ N^o. 55, Town of Huntingdon. Granted 12th July, 1792. Vacated for Delinquency, 7th April, 1806. Returns to June, 1802. Dues paid up to December, 1799.
- “ N^o. 56, Carlisle. Granted 29 October, 1792. Vacated 7 June, 1802, for unmasonic Conduct. Returns to June, 1801. Indebted the balance of \$81.63 up to the last Returns, say June, 1801.
- “ N^o. 57, Newtown, Bucks County. Granted 4th March, 1798. Vacated for Delinquency, the 7th April, 1806. Returns to March, 1803. Balance owing at that Time, \$232.54.
- “ N^o. 58, In the Army of the United States. Granted 25th March, 1793. Ceased; said that nearly all the Members were kill'd in the Indian War. No Returns. \$50, received on Account 8th August, 1800.
- “ N^o. 60, ‘Lodge of Hope and good intention,’ Browns Ville, Fayette County. Granted 7 Decem^r. 1793. Returns to December, 1806. Balance owing to Decem^r. 1806, \$43.84.
- “ N^o. 61, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County. Granted 18th February, 1794. Returns to December, 1800. Dues paid to about December, 1802, the last payment received was \$50 on account, on the 24 June, 1809.
- “ N^o. 62, Reading. Granted 31st March, 1794. Returns to December, 1806. Balance of \$117.80, owing up to same Time.

- “ N^o. 63, Lewis Town, Delaware State. Granted 28 May, 1794. Vacated for Delinquency, 7 April, 1806. Returns to December, 1797. Never anything paid, not even their Warrant; the Cost of Warrant and Amount of Dues up to the last Return is \$61.38.
- “ N^o. 64, Greensburg. Granted 17 March, 1795. Returns to December, 1807. A Balance owing to said period of about \$12.
- “ N^o. 65, Great Bend of Susquehanna, Luzerne County. Granted 11th April, 1795. Returns to December, 1804. Their Warrant was never paid for. The Cost of the Warrant and their Dues up to the Time of the last Returns is estimated about \$199.76. Deduct receiv'd on Acco^t on the 31st December, 1805, the Sum of \$36, leaves a balance of \$163.76, owing December, 1804. They transmitted Monies at different Times to their Proxy, Thomas Town, but he did not pay them over.
- “ N^o. 66, Robinson Township, Berks County. Granted 1st June, 1795. Returns to December, 1807. Balance of Dues up to said Time estimated at \$50; the last payment on Account was made on the 7th March, 1808, which was \$26, and which reduced the balance to about \$50.
- “ N^o. 68, Town of Mifflin, Mifflin County. Granted 21st March, 1796. Returns to December, 1806. Dues paid to about June, 1804.
- “ N^o. 69, Borough of Chester. Granted 24 June, 1796. Returns to December, 1808. Dues paid in full to same Time.
- “ N^o. 70, Tioga Point, Luzerne County. Granted 6th July, 1796. Returns to December, 1808. Dues paid to December, 1806.
- “ N^o. 74, Town of Concord, Franklin County. Granted 27th December, 1797. Vacated for Delinquency, 7th April, 1806. Returns to December, 1799. Balance owing to said period, \$3.48.

- " N^o. 75, Pugh Town, Chester County. Granted 5th March, 1798. Returns to December, 1807. Balance owing to said period, \$25.98.
- " N^o. 76, New Ville, Cumberland County. Granted 5 March, 1798. Vacated for Delinquency, 7 April, 1806. Returns to December, 1799. Balance owing to said Period, 38 Cents.
- " N^o. 77, Lodge "Les Freres Unis," Port D'Espagne in the Island of Trinidad. Granted 10th July, 1798. Returns to June, 1807. Paid in full to June, 1806.
- " N^o. 78, Old Mingo Towns, North Western Territory. Granted 4 March, 1799. Vacated for Delinquency, 7 April, 1806. Returns to December, 1799. Dues paid to said Period.
- " N^o. 79, Chambersburg. Granted 4 March, 1799. Returns to December, 1804. Paid in full to said period.
- " N^o. 80, 'Unity Lodge,' Sadsbury Township, Chester County. Granted 3 June, 1799. Vacated for Unmasonic Conduct, 3^d October, 1808. Returns to December, 1806. Balance owing to said Period, \$34.85.
- " N^o. 81, 'Hiram Lodge,' Germantown. Granted 17th March, 1800. Returns to December, 1808. Paid in full to 24 June, 1806.
- " N^o. 82, Milford, Wayne County. Granted 25 April, 1800. Returns to June, 1805. A Balance of \$12.55, owing up to said Time.
- " N^o. 83, 'S^t Tammany's Lodge,' Damascus Township, Wayne County. Granted 24 June, 1800. Returns to December, 1806. Paid in full up to said Period.
- " N^o. 84, Somerset. Granted 1st December, 1800. Returns to December, 1805. Paid in full up to said period.
- " N^o. 85, Alexandria, Huntingdon County. Granted 1st December, 1800. Returns to December, 1806. Estimated to be paid to about that Time.
- " N^o. 86, There was no Warrant granted of this Number.
- " N^o. 87, Lodge 'Les Freres re-unis,' at the Cape in the Island of S^t Domingo. Granted 15 December, 1800.

Vacated for Delinquency, 7 April, 1806. A Return in 1801. Never anything paid, not even their Warrant.

- “N^o. 88, Lodge ‘La Concorde,’ at S^t. Marc in the Island of S^t. Domingo. Granted 4 May, 1801. Vacated for Delinquency 7 April, 1806. Re-instated 15th September, 1806. Surrendered 4th September, 1809. No Returns. All that has ever been received of this Lodge, (except the Cost of Warrant,) is \$5.60.
- “N^o. 89, Lodge ‘Les Freres Sincerement Re-unis,’ at Aux Cayes du fond de L’Isle a’Vaches in the Island of S^t. Domingo. Granted 4 May, 1801. Vacated for Delinquency, 7 April, 1806. A Return in 1801. Never anything paid, not even their Warrant.
- “N^o. 90, Lodge La ‘Candeur,’ New Orleans. Granted 18 May, 1801. Surrendered 1st March, 1802. No Returns. No Labours performed by this Lodge.
- “N^o. 92, ‘Union Lodge,’ Union Town, Fayette County. Granted 21st December, 1801. Returns to June, 1809. Paid in full to same Time.
- “N^o. 93, Lodge ‘La Charite,’ New Orleans. Granted 1st March, 1802. Returns to June, 1806. Paid in full to same Time.
- “N^o. 94, ‘Orange Lodge,’ New Hope, Coryells Ferry. Granted 24 June, 1802. Returns to December, 1808. Balance owing to that Time \$22.22.
- “N^o. 95, Lodge ‘L’Humilite,’ established by the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t. Domingo at Luse a Veau in S^t. Domingo. Granted 6 Decem^r. 1802. Vacated for Delinquency, 7 April, 1806. No Returns. Nothing ever paid.
- “N^o. 96, ‘The Delaware Hiram Lodge,’ New Ark, Delaware State. Granted 6 December, 1802. Vacated the 15th September, 1803, for Unmasonic proceedings in the formation of the pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware. Returns to June, 1805. Dues paid to that Time.

- "N^o. 97, 'La Parfaite Harmonie,' S^t Domingo, established by the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo. Granted 5 Septem^r. 1803. Vacated for Delinquency, 7th April, 1806. No Returns. Never anything paid.
- "N^o. 98, 'La Perseverance' at Abricots in the Island of S^t Domingo, established by the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo. Granted 5th September, 1803. Vacated for Delinquency, 7th April, 1806. Re-instated 21st March, 1808. No Returns. Nothing paid.
- "N^o. 99, 'Le Temple du Bonheur,' at Arcahaye in the Island of S^t Domingo, established by the Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo. Granted 5th December, 1803. Vacated for Delinquency, 7th April, 1806. No Returns. Nothing paid.
- "N^o. 100, 'Rising Sun' at Bloomsburg, Northumberland County. Granted 2 January, 1804. Returns to June, 1808. Paid in full to that Time.
- "N^o. 101, Palms Town, Dauphin County. Granted 7th June, 1804. Returns to June, 1807. Paid in full to that Time.
- "N^o. 102, 'Jerusalem Lodge' at Joppa, Montgomery County, now at Frankford, Philadelphia County. Granted 3^d September, 1804. Returns to December, 1808. A balance of \$6.61 owing up to December, 1807.
- "N^o. 103, 'Le Temple des Vertus Theologiques,' Havannah. Granted 17th December, 1804. One Return. Not any Dues paid.
- "N^o. 104, 'Philanthropic Lodge,' Leacock Township, Lancaster County. Granted 21st Jan^y. 1805. Returns to December, 1808. A Balance of \$38.6 owing up to that Time.
- "N^o. 105, The Lodge of 'Amity,' Zanes Ville, Ohio. Granted 24 June, 1805. Returns to December, 1808. Paid in full to that Time.
- "N^o. 106, Williamsport, Lycoming County. Granted 3 March, 1806. Returns to December, 1807. Paid in full to that Time.

- “N^o 107, ‘The Western Star Lodge’ at Kaskaskia in the Indiana Territory. Granted 2 June, 1806. Returns to December, 1806. A Balance of \$5.52 owing to that Time.
- “N^o 108, ‘Union Lodge’ at Wysox and Orwell, Luzerne County. Granted 2 March, 1807. Returns to December, 1808. A Balance of \$15.24 owing to that Time.
- “N^o 109, ‘The Louisiana Lodge,’ in the Town of S^t Genevieve, Louisiana Territory, Granted 17th July, 1807. Returns to December, 1808. Paid in full to that Time.
- “N^o 110, Connelsville, Fayette County. Granted 6th June, 1808. No Returns. No Dues paid.
- “N^o 111, ‘S^t Louis Lodge’ at the Town of S^t Louis in the Territory of Louisiana. Granted 15 Sept^r 1808. No Returns. No Dues paid.
- “N^o 112, ‘The desired Re-union Lodge,’ New Orleans. Granted 15th September, 1808. No Returns. No Dues paid.
- “N^o 113, ‘Ohio Lodge,’ Pittsburgh. Granted 6 March, 1809. No Returns. No Dues paid.
- “The Provincial Grand Lodge of S^t Domingo was established “the 9th January, 1802. Vacated for Delinquency 7th April, 1806. Re-instated 15th September, 1806, and the “Jurisdiction thereof extended to the Island of Cuba. “Nothing paid by said Provincial Grand Lodge.
- “That your Committee have reason to believe that the following Lodges have lately discontinued their Meetings, Viz :
- “Lodge N^o 62, held at Reading.
 65, held at the Great Bend of the Susquehannah.
 68, held in the Town of Mifflin, Mifflin County.
 79, held at Chambersburg.
- “That the following Lodges appear to be carrying on their “Labours, Viz :
- “Lodge N^o 5, held at Cantwell’s Bridge.
 11, London Grove, Chester County.
 21, Harrisburgh.

- “Lodge N^o 22, Sunbury.
43, Lancaster.
45, Pittsburgh.
46, Ephrata, Lancaster County.
50, West Chester.
54, Town of Washington, Washington County.
60, Browns Ville, Fayette County.
61, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.
64, Greensburg.
66, Robinson Township, Berks County.
69, Borough of Chester.
70, Tioga Point, Luzerne County.
75, Pugh Town, Chester County.
77, Port D’Espagne, in the Island of Trinidad.
81, Germantown.
82, Milford, Wayne County.
83, Damascus Township, Wayne County.
84, Somerset.
85, Alexandria, Huntingdon County.
92, Union Town, Fayette County.
93, New Orleans.
94, New Hope, Coryells Ferry.
98, Abricots in the Island of S^t Domingo.
100, Bloomsburg, Northumberland County.
101, Palms Town, Dauphin County.
102, Frankford.
103, Havannah.
104, Leacock Township, Lancaster County.
105, Zanes Ville, Ohio.
106, Williamsport, Lycoming County.
107, Kaskaskia, Indiana Territory.
108, Wysox and Orwell, Luzerne County.
109, Town of S^t Genevieve, Louisiana Territory.
110, Connelssville, Fayette County.
111, Town of S^t Louis, Territory of Louisiana.
112, New Orleans.
113, Pittsburgh.

“That the following Lodges being in Arrears with the R.

“W. Grand Lodge for Two Years Dues to St John’s Day in
“June last are Delinquents, to wit :

- “Lodge N^o. 11, held at London Grove, Chester County.
22, Sunbury, Northumberland County.
50, West Chester.
54, Town of Washington, Washington County.
60, Browns Ville, Fayette County.
61, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.
62, Reading.
65, Great Bend of Susquehannah.
66, Robinson Township, Berks County.
68, Town of Mifflin, Mifflin County.
70, Tioga Point, Luzerne County.
77, Port D’Espagne, in the Island of Trinidad.
79, Chambersburg.
81, Germantown.
82, Milford, Wayne County.
83, Damascus Township, Wayne County.
84, Somerset.
85, Alexandria, Huntingdon County.
93, New Orleans.
98, Abricots, in the Island of St Domingo.
101, Palms Town, Dauphin County.
103, Havannah.
107, Kaskaskia, Indiana Territory.

“That some of the said Delinquent Lodges, (having been
“Delinquents at the Time, the others having become Delinqu-
“ents since,) have been duly Notified of their Delinquency by
“Bro^r. Grand Secretary, agreeably to the 22nd Article of the
“Rules and Regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge as follows,
“to wit :

- “Lodge N^o. 11, London Grove.
22, Sunbury.
61, Wilkesbarre.
65, Great Bend of Susquehannah.
66, Robinson Township, Berks County.
79, Chambersburg.
85, Alexandria.

Notified on the 8 January, 1808. On the 5th September, 1808, the G. Lodge postponed their Vacations to St^t John's Day then next (December, 1808). On the 16th January, 1809, further postponed to the then next Quarterly Communication. Not since taken up.

“Lodge N^o. 62, Reading. Notified the 8th August, 1808.

Nothing done by the Grand Lodge.

“And that the others of the said Delinquent Lodges remain
“to be Notified by Bro^r. Grand Secretary of their Delinquency,
“to wit :

“Lodge N^o. 50, at West Chester.

54, Town of Washington.

60, Browns Ville.

68, Town of Mifflin.

70, Tioga Point.

77, Port D'Espagne.

81, Germantown.

82, Milford.

83, Damascus.

84, Somerset.

93, New Orleans.

98, Abricot's.

101, Palms Town.

103, Havannah.

107, Kaskaskia.

“All of which is respectfully submitted.

“Philadelphia, 16th October, 1809.

(Sign'd)

“GEORGE A. BAKER.

“JOHN PHILLIPS.

“JAMES TATEM.

“THO^s. HENNESSY.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the said Report be referred to Bro^m. Duplessis, Bradford and Robert M^cCullagh, to Examine and Report what steps are necessary to be taken thereon.

The Grand Secretary presented a Report respecting the Warrants, Jewells, &c., of certain Lodges which have been

Vacated, &c., which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
“R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

“The Grand Secretary

“Respectfully Reports,

“That the Warrants, Jewells, Furniture, Funds, &c., of the
“under-mentioned Lodges, (some of whom have been Vacated
“by the R. W. Grand Lodge and others have ceased other-
“wise,) have not been Surrendered to him, to wit :

“Of the late Lodge

N^o. 14, Wilmington.

25, Bristol.

31, Norristown.

33, New Castle.

48, Bedford.

55, Huntingdon.

56, Carlisle.

57, Newtown, Bucks County.

63, Lewis Town, Delaware State.

74, Concord, Franklin County.

76, New Ville, Cumberland County.

78, Old Mingo Towns, North Western Territory.

87, At the Cape S^t Domingo.

89, Aux Cayes du fond, S^t Domingo.

95, Luse a'Veau, S^t Domingo.

96, New Ark, Delaware State.

97, S^t Domingo.

99, Arcahay, S^t Domingo.

“And that of the late Lodges

N^o. 47, Port au Prince and

N^o. 88, S^t Marc, S^t Domingo, the Warrants, but nothing
“else, have been surrendered.

“Respectfully submitted,

“GEORGE A. BAKER,

“Philad^a. 16 Oct^r. 1809.

“Grand Secretary.”

Which Report, on Motion made and Seconded, was referr'd

to the Committee appointed on the Report respecting the state of the Country Lodges, to wit: Bro^m. Duplessis, Bradford and Robert M^cCullagh to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, of the 8th November, 1808, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from a New Grand Lodge, styled the Grand Lodge of Ohio, of 28th August last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

A Pamphlet from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, not Ancient York Masons, of the Date of 24th June last, was received and referr'd to the Committee on former Communications from the same, to wit: Bro^m. J. B. Smith, Duplessis, Baker, Bradford and Tybout to Examine and Report thereon. A Petition from Lodge N^o. 65, held at the Great Bend of Susquehannah, was read and is as follows:

“To the R. W. Grand Master and Wardens of the Grand
“Lodge of Pennsylvania:

“The Petition and Request of the Brethren of Lodge N^o. 65,
“Respectfully Sheweth,

“That when we received our Warrant, Bro^r. Thomas Town
“was our Proxy, to whom we sent Money to pay the Fees for
“the same, together with other sums of Money to pay our
“quarterly Fees and other sums due from us, and that we
“have from our Funds advanced liberally to the relief of In-
“digent Brethren in Sickness and otherwise, A regular Bill
“of which we have transmitted to the Grand Lodge.

“That our former Secretary is Dead, and our Records left
“not so regular as we hoped to find them, but in such a situa-
“tion as renders it next to impossible to regulate them as they
“ought to be.

“That some of the Members of this Lodge Considering the
“Vacated situation of it, have joined a Lodge in the State of
“New York where they can be accommodated with the sub-
“lime precepts and privileges of Free Masonry.

“And furthermore, we have never received the benefit of
“One Lecture from a Member of the Grand Lodge. That our

“Returns to the Grand Lodge have been mislaid, likewise the
 “Communications to us from the Grand Lodge, are mislaid
 “for the Term of almost One Year.

“Under all these Circumstances duly Considered, we pray
 “the Grand Lodge to accept of our Warrant together with
 “what Money we have paid for it, and our own Charitable
 “Expences. And we as in Duty bound will ever pray.

“DUDLEY HOLDRIDGE, Master.

“ASAHEL GREGORY, Past Master.

“March A. D. 1809.”

Which Petition was accompanied by their Warrant, Senior
 and Junior Wardens Jewells and Secretary's Jewell, the latter
 broke.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that
 the Surrender of the said Warrant be Accepted.

Return of Members of Lodge No. 72, held at Philadelphia up
 to December last, was read. It contained the rejection of
 G—— M. L——. Also their Account of Grand Lodge
 Dues to the same Time.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that when this
 Grand Lodge Adjourns, it be to the Third Monday in Novem-
 ber next.

The New Hall Committee having Advised with this Grand
 Lodge on the propriety of Ornamenting the Roof of the New
 Building, it was

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the said
 Committee have full powers under the sanction of the R. W.
 Grand Master of adopting such Ornamental Work therefor as
 they in their Judgment shall think proper.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 8 o'clock,
 P. M., to the Third Monday in November next at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 15th November, A. D. 1809, A. L. 5809.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communica-
 tion.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ William Meguire, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Entrikin, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master.

“ Robert Lewis, R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 84, 91, 105, 108 and 114 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had directed them to be convened for the special purpose of submitting to their Consideration, a plan for effecting a Loan to extinguish the Ground Rent on the Lot in Chestnut Street, and to aid in finishing the New Hall, which plan was submitted and read, and is as follows, to wit :

“ Whereas, the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging did some Time since purchase a large and valuable Lot of Ground, situate on the North side of Chestnut Street, between Delaware Seventh and Eighth Streets in the City of Philadelphia, on a Ground Rent of Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars per Annum, for the purpose of erecting thereon a suitable building for their own accommodation and that of the subordinate Lodges in said City, And Whereas, the said Grand Lodge have commenced and considerably Advanced in the erection of said Building, in a stile calculated to embellish the City, and completely

Answer all the purposes to which it is to be appropriated, but the Funds of the said Grand Lodge are not sufficient to finish the same in the manner and as expeditiously as is desired. And Whereas it is deemed an Advantageous Measure to extinguish by purchase, the Annual Ground Rent aforesaid, and it is fully believed that if a Loan of Forty Thousand Dollars can be obtained on a Credit of Fifteen Years, it will be sufficient for both the contemplated objects, and that the same as well as the Interest accruing thereon can be conveniently repaid by the Grand Lodge, provided a plan for the judicious management and Appropriation of their future revenues is adopted and adhered to. And Whereas, it is considered by the said Grand Lodge that the following plan is well adapted to the purposes aforesaid, Therefore, On Motion made and Seconded, 'Resolved Unanimously, That the same be and it is hereby adopted by this Grand Lodge, and that the proper measures be pursued for carrying the same into complete effect in all its parts.

"Plan of Loan Proposed to be received by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will receive a Loan of Forty Thousand Dollars of such subordinate Lodges, Individual Brethren or other persons who may be disposed to subscribe to the same on the Terms hereinafter detailed, the sum received to be exclusively appropriated to the extinguishment of the Ground Rent of Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars per Annum, payable out of the Lot owned by them in Chestnut Street, and to the completion of the New Hall now erecting thereon.

"The Loan shall consist of Four Hundred Shares of One Hundred Dollars each, and it shall be at the option of the Subscribers either to Advance the whole Amount subscribed or to pay Twenty Five Dollars on each Share, and to have a Credit of Three, Six or Nine Months for the payment of the residue.

"A Book shall be opened at the Merchants Coffee House on the First Day of December next, under the direction of the Grand Officers, for the Time being, and the following Named Gentlemen, Stephen Girard, Edward Burd, Charles Biddle,

Jonathan Bayard Smith, William Ball and Thomas M^cEuen, Esquires, who, in conjunction with the Grand Officers, shall act as Commissioners of said Loan ; the present Plan shall be written in said Book, and subjoined thereto shall be entered the following engagement: " We whose names are hereunto subscribed do promise to pay to Samuel F. Bradford, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, the sum of One Hundred Dollars for every share in the Masonic Loan set opposite to our respective Names in the manner and upon the Terms set forth in the plan of said Loan as adopted by the Grand Lodge aforesaid, and above set forth. Witness our hands the First Day of December, in the Year of Our LORD One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine." And One or more of the Grand Officers, or persons named as aforesaid, shall attend at the above Time and place, and shall permit and suffer any subordinate Lodge by its Master or some other person duly Authorized, and any Individual Brethren or other persons who shall offer to subscribe for Shares in the aforesaid Loan, until the whole Number of Shares shall have been subscribed.

" Each Subscriber shall pay the above mentioned Sum of Twenty Five Dollars for each Share subscribed at the Time of such Subscription, or he may pay a greater sum on each of such Shares if he shall think proper, for which a Receipt shall be given to him by the Grand Treasurer, or in his behalf by one of the attending Commissioners, and all sums so paid, as well as those subsequently paid, shall be considered to bear Interest from the Time of such payment.

" It shall be the Duty of the several Commissioners to pay the Amount received by them into the Hands of the Grand Treasurer, who shall keep a faithful Account of the same, and all payments made after the Time of Subscription shall be paid immediately into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge.

" If any Subscriber shall neglect or refuse the payment of the Instalments due upon the Share or Shares subscribed by him for more than Thirty Days after the same shall be payable, the Monies theretofore paid shall be considered as forfeited for the benefit of the Grand Lodge, and the subscriber

so neglecting or refusing shall have no claim for the reimbursement thereof.

“On the completion of the last payment, or full sum of One Hundred Dollars for each Share, Certificates signed by the Grand Master, Countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and under the Seal of the Grand Lodge, shall be delivered to the Subscribers respectively for each Share by them subscribed, which Certificates shall entitle each subscriber, or his legal Attorney or Assigns, to receive an Interest thereon at the rate of Six per Centum per Annum, to be paid Half yearly by the Grand Secretary, and shall be severally transferred by the Subscribers, or their legal Attorney or Assigns, at the Office of the Grand Secretary for the Time being, and shall not be redeemable, except with the consent of a Majority of the Stockholders, before the First Day of January, Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Five.

“At the Time of delivering the aforesaid Certificate, the Grand Secretary shall pay to each holder, the Interest accruing on his respective payments to the Date of the said Certificate.

“Each Certificate shall be in the following words, to wit :

No.

A neat Engraving of the
Hall and Spire.

Dol^r. 100.

Masonic Loan.

One Hundred Dollars.

Be it Known, That _____ is entitled to One Share, or the Capital Sum of One Hundred Dollars, in the Stock loaned to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging in pursuance of a solemn Act of the said Grand Lodge, of the _____ Day of _____ Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine, authorizing the raising of the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars on Loan, for the purpose of extinguishing the Ground Rent upon their Lot of Ground, and completing their New Hall in the City of Philadelphia, transferrable only by the said _____ or his

legal Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns at the Office of the Grand Secretary, bearing Interest from the Date hereof, at the rate of Six per Centum per Annum, payable Half yearly by the Grand Secretary, and not redeemable except with the consent of a Majority of the Stockholders before the First Day of January, Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Five.

In Testimony whereof, and in pursuance of the said solemn Act, this Certificate is signed by the R. W. Grand Master, attested by the Grand Secretary, and the Seal of the said Grand Lodge affixed thereunto, this Day of in the year of Our LORD, One Thousand Eight Hundred and , and of Masonry Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Grand Master.

Attest

Grand Secretary.

“It shall be the Duty of the Grand Officers for the Time being, and the persons above named, as soon as the subscription shall be filled, to call a meeting of the subscribers at such place as they may think proper, at which meeting the subscribers shall elect Six persons of their Number, who in conjunction with the then Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, shall be a Board of Trustees of the Masonic Loan for One Year from the First Monday of January next, and until a New Board shall be elected, and on the First Monday of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven, and on the First Monday in January in each succeeding year, until the entire re-payment of the aforesaid Loan, the Stockholders shall in like manner elect Six persons, who with the above mentioned Grand Officers for the Time being, shall be the Trustees of said Loan, and shall have power to choose out of their own number a President, Secretary and Treasurer, (of the latter of whom adequate security shall be required,) and adopt such Measures not inconsistent with the provisions of the present plan as they may think proper for the better security, application and management of the Funds, which in

pursuance hereof, may from Time to Time be paid into their Hands. In all Elections and on all questions submitted to them, the Stockholders may Vote personally or by proxy, each Share being entitled to One Vote.

“At the end of every Three Months, from and after the First Day of July next, it shall be the Duty of the Grand Treasurer to report to the Grand Master the amount of Monies, (exclusive of those paid into the Treasury on account of the present Loan, of which a separate Account shall be kept,) remaining in his Hands; whereupon, it shall be the Duty of the Grand Master to draw an Order in favour of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, for the whole Amount of such Monies, except so much of the same as shall be necessary for punctually discharging the Taxes of the Lot and New Hall thereon erected, the Interest on the Loan and other necessary expenditures of the Grand Lodge, and the Masonic Faith and Honour of the Grand Lodge are hereby solemnly pledged, in addition to the security hereinafter proposed, for the punctual discharge of the said Taxes and Interest as the same shall severally accrue and become payable, and also for the faithful payment into the Hands of the said Trustees of all such Monies as shall remain in their Treasury after paying off the said Taxes and Interest and other necessary expenditures of the said Grand Lodge.

“It shall be the Duty of the said Trustees to invest from Time to Time all such Monies as shall be paid to them in manner aforesaid, in some safe and productive Stock, and also to invest in such Stock all such Interest and Dividends as they may from Time to Time receive thereon, and to continue such investments with care and promptitude, for the purpose of accumulating a Fund sufficient to redeem and discharge the whole Amount of the proposed Loan, unless the proprietors of a Majority of the Shares of Stock shall at any Time request that a partial discharge of said Loan, in proportion to the Funds then in the Hands of the Trustees shall be made, in which Case the said Trustees may, if they think proper, comply with such request, continuing their Functions as before until the whole Debt be discharged.

“ For the further Security of the Subscribers to the Loan, the Grand Lodge direct the Trustees in whom the Legal Title to the Lot and Premises in Chestnut Street is vested, to execute a Mortgage or Instrument in Nature of a Mortgage, to the persons composing the First Board of Trustees of the Masonic Loan, in behalf of the Subscribers to the same, pledging the said Lot and Premises in the most Legal and effectual manner for the payment of the aforesaid Loan of Forty Thousand Dollars and Interest, at or before the expiration of Fifteen Years from and after the First Day of January next, at or before which Time it is fully believed that the Sinking Fund will accumulate to an Amount sufficient to redeem the whole Debt.

“ It shall be the Duty of the Trustees Annually, or oftener if desired by the Grand Lodge, to lay before them an Account of their Receipts and Expenditures, and of the state of the Sinking Fund, in Order that they may be acquainted with its gradual accumulation, and pursue measures from Time to Time for promoting the same, and the Trustees shall also be furnished by the Grand Lodge with such information as may be necessary, with respect to its Funds and means of re-imbusement.

“ The Board of Trustees shall be allowed to make such abatements from their investments as will furnish them with such Monies as may be necessary to defray their unavoidable expences, of which regular Accounts shall be kept.”

A Petition from a certain John Doszedarkski, stating that he is a Brother in Distress and craving assistance, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition from John Ryan and Peter Jeremiah O'Callaghan, praying Relief, was read and leave granted to the Petitioners to withdraw the same.

The Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 51, as lately amended, were received and referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Eight o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th December, 1809.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Robert Poalk, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.
 “ Robert McCullagh, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ James Tatem, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.
 “ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r. R. W. Past Junior Grand Warden.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 43, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 94, 100, 105, 108 and 114 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly, Adjourned, &c., Special Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of the 17th November were read and Approved. It appeared by the said Minutes that the said Committee granted the Sum of \$10 for a certain John Doszedardski. And that an Order for \$10, formerly granted by said Committee for the Use of Bro^r. Henry Rees, late of No. 72, was returned and Cancelled.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for holding the Election for Grand Officers for the ensuing Year. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election.

The Grand Lodge did thereupon proceed to the Election, when

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r. Counsellor at Law and a Member of the Select Council of the City of Philadelphia, was Unanimously re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. Sworn Interpreter of Foreign Languages, Conveyancer, &c., &c., was Unanimously Re-elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Richard Tybout, Hatter, was Unanimously re-elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Joseph Burden, Windsor Chair Maker, was Unanimously Elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Bro^r. Poalk having declined a re-election.

“ George A. Baker, Conveyancer and Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia, was Unanimously re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, Book seller, was Unanimously re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Secretary Reported that since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit :

For Dispensations,	\$95.
For Grand Lodge Certificates,	19.3
For Books of Ahiman Rezon,	5.33
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Total,	\$119.36

Which was Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The Report of the Committee on Communications from the New Grand Lodge of South Carolina, from Lodge N^o. 31, Ancient York Masons, at Charleston, South Carolina, and from the perpetuated Grand Lodge of A. Y. M. of South Carolina, &c., &c., was read and Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration until the next Communication.

The following Returns of Lodge N^o. 100, held at Catawissa, were received and read, to wit : Election Return of December, 1808, returning Bro^r. Gabriel Lount, W. M.; Bro^r. Theophilus Hughes, S. W.; Bro^r. Stacy Margerum, J. W.; Bro^r. Hezekiah Boone, Secretary ; Bro^r. Christian Brobst, Treasurer. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r.

Hezekiah Boone, W. M.; Bro^r. Jacob Heatherlin, S. W.; Bro^r. Gabriel Lount, Secretary; Bro^r. Theophilus Hughes, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of T—— M——, and Rejection of J—— S——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to 24 June last, Amounting to \$12.25.

The Committee appointed on the 16th October on the Petition of Catharine Sisson made Report, which was read, and is in the words following :

“We, the Committee of the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, appointed on the within Petition, Report “That we have Examined into the merits of the within Application, and are of Opinion that the Petitioner is not an “Object of the Charity of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

“Philad^a., 4th Decem^r., 1809.

(Sign'd)

“THO^s. HENNESSY.

“JOHN PHILLIPS.”

Which Report was Unanimously Approved.

The Order granted by the Committee of Charity on the 17th November for \$10, for the Use of John Doszedardski, was returned, the Sub-Committee not having considered him an Object of Charity.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be Authorized to procure a suitable Book Case for the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Wednesday 27th December, A. D. 1809.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r., R. W. Grand Master.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Bro^r. Walter Ker, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 84, 91, 105, 108 and 114 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the 4th Instant, or last Quarterly Communication, as relates to the Election of Grand Officers, was read, and thereupon the following Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective Offices, in Ancient Form, Viz :

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master Elect and the R. W. Grand Treasurer elect not being present, their Installations are to take place at the next Grand Quarterly Communication.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit :

Bro^r. Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews,

“ “ “ William Rogers,

“ “ “ George Potts,

“ “ “ George Richards,

} Grand Chaplains.

Bro^r. Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.

“ John Darragh, }

“ Robert Pullen, Grand Sword bearer.

“ Simon Chaudron, Grand Marshal.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz :

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. }

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. }

“ Samuel F. Bradford, }

} Committee of Correspondence.

- Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. }
 “ William M^cCullagh, } Committee of Accounts.
 “ William Page, }
 “ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. } Committee to Examine the
 “ Robert Pullen, } Bye Laws of the Subor-
 “ Robert Poalk, } dinate Lodges, as the
 same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge.
 “ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. } Committee to ex-
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. } amine the trans-
 “ William M^cCullagh, } actions of the
 past year and select for publication.
 “ Samuel Lippincott, T., }
 “ Vincent Ducomb, } Hall Committee.
 “ Frederick Erringer, }
 “ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. for the Northern Liberties.
 “ George A. Baker, for the City.
 “ Daniel Bussier, Esq^r. for Southwark.

Recommenders of Objects to the Philadelphia
 Dispensary.

The Returns of the Lodges being called for, the following Returns were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Cluly, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Douglas, jun^r. S. W.; Bro^r. Norris Stanley, J. W.. Bro^r. John Phillips, Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Burden, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Elliott, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Gregory, S. W.: Bro^r. James M. Linnard, J. W.; Bro^r. Blathwaite J. Shober, Secretary ; Bro^r. William T. Donnaldson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. James Tatem, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Walter Kerr, S. W.; Bro^r. James Latimer, J. W.; Bro^r. Redwood Fisher, Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Curwen, Treasurer. Election Return of this Day, returning Bro^r. Walter Kerr, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Thomas Astley, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Curwen, J. W.; Bro^r. William Milnor, Secretary ; Bro^r. William Bethell, Treasurer. Communication of the Expulsions of W—— L—— and W—— H—— W——.

Lodge N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Spencer Dewees, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Crockett, S. W.; Bro^r. Clement Lee Brady, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Bussier, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing divers Expulsions and Rejections. Account of Grand Lodge Dues. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which was referr'd to the Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Garret Lynch, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Hugh Gray, S. W.; Bro^r. James Perle, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sweeny, Secretary; Bro^r. Philip Boyle, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Bowman, W. M.; Bro^r. Peter Yarrington, S. W.; Bro^r. Enoch Ogden, J. W.; Bro^r. Jesse Fell, Secretary; Bro^r. Isaac Bowman, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Lippincott, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Ferguson, S. W.; Bro^r. Lewis Taylor, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Cummens, Secretary; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Carter, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Adam Keyser, S. W.; Bro^r. Philip Ryblod, J. W.; Bro^r. John Snyder, Secretary; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Alexander McKenzie, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Nisbet, S. W.; Bro^r. George E. Blake, J. W.; Bro^r. John S. Willett, Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning the Rejections of J— B— and H— F—, and the Expulsions of W— F. McL—, H— S—, C— K—, J— D— for Non payment of Dues. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming C^o. Election Return, returning for Dec^r. 1808, Bro^r. James Stewart, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Brindle, S. W.; Bro^r. William Best, J.

W.; Bro^r. William Watson, Secretary; Bro^r. John Carothers, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Rejections of A—— W——, S—— S—— and R—— P——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o. 114, held in Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. James Harper, jun^r. W. M^r.; Bro^r. John M^cWaters, S. W.; Bro^r. John Kissick, J. W.; Bro^r. Alexander Napier, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Vickers, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock at noon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 3rd February, A. D. 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

- “ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ William Wray, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.
- “ Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
- “ Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.
- “ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 59, 67, 70, 72, 84, 91, 105, 108 and 114 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of taking into Consideration a Petition praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in this City.

Said Petition was thereupon read, it being from Brethren

all late and former Members of Washington Lodge, N^o. 59, held in this City, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Philadelphia, to be called "St. John's Lodge," and that Bro^r. James M^cCurdy might be named Master; Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, Junior, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Joshua Sullivan, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and recommended by Lodge N^o. 59, and by divers Brethren, agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 115.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th March, A. D. 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

" Joseph Burden, R. W. Sen^r. Grand Warden, P. T.

" Walter Kerr, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. Grand Secretary.

" Alexander M^cKenzie, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.

" Robert Pullen, Grand Sword Bearer.

" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 48, 51, 52, 59, 62, 66, 67, 70, 71, 72, 84, 91, 105, 108, 114 and 115 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Grand General and Grand Extra Communications were read.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that a Warrant having been granted by this Grand Lodge on the 3^d Ultimo, for holding a Lodge in this City under the Name of "St John's Lodge," N^o. 115, he was pleased on Monday, the 19th Ultimo, to call to his assistance his Grand Officers and other Brethren and opened a Grand Lodge for the purpose of Constituting the said New Lodge and Installing the W. Master and other Officers, and that the same was done with all due Solemnity according to the Ancient Customs.

Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford, the R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, was Installed into the said Office in Ancient Form.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary stated that he had re-appointed Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing Year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the said Appointment, When the same was Unanimously Approved.

A Petition was received from Bro^r. Robert Pullen, and read, and is in the words following, to wit :

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penn^a

"The Petition of Robert Pullen, Respectfully Represents,

"That a worthy and much respected Brother and a Member of your W. Lodge, (a Thomas Rayner,) died the latter part of last Summer. In his Life Time he had subscribed towards the building of the New Masonic Hall, but had not paid the Amount, since his Death some of the Committee appointed to collect the subscriptions have called on the Petitioner, (who is Administrator to his property,) for payment of the said subscription, which he has refused on the plea that as our Honourable Institution is professedly the Friends of the Orphans and Widow, it should not take from but add to the Comforts of the unhappy Widow. Your Petitioner respectfully solicits that you will authorize the collecting Committee to erase the Name of *Thomas Rayner* from the list of Subscribers and exonerate the Widow from paying the subscription.

"Your Petitioner, &c.,
 "March 5th, 1810. (Sign'd) "ROB^r. PULLEN."

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, the same was referr'd to Bro^r. Walter Kerr, Thomas Elliott and Alexander M^cKenzie to examine and Report thereon.

The Grand Secretary Reported that since S^t. John's Day in December last he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit :

For Dispensations,	\$90.
For Grand Lodge Certificates,	6.92
For Books of Ahiman Rezon,	2.67
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Total,	\$99.59

Which was Ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The Committee on the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia, which was read, and is as follows, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penn^a: We, the Committee appointed to examine and report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 51, Respectfully Report that we have carefully examined the same and recommend the adoption of them as they now stand.

(Sign'd)

“FRED^k. WOLBERT.

“ROB^t. PULLEN.”

Which Report was Unanimously adopted.

The same Committee made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia, which was read, and is as follows, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a: We, the Committee appointed to examine and Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 52, Respectfully Report that we recommend the striking out of the words ‘been so for One Year, and’ in the First Line of Article 16th; with the above Alteration, we recommend the adoption of the whole of the Bye Laws.

(Sign'd)

“FRED^k. WOLBERT.

“March 5th. 1810.”

“ROB^t. PULLEN.”

“The said 16th Article is as follows, to wit : ‘Every Member who has been so for One Year, and complied with these Laws, shall, should poverty or Distress overtake them, be

“entitled to relief from the Funds of the Lodge.’ The striking out of the words recommended by the Committee would leave said Article to read as follows: ‘Every Member who has complied with these Laws shall, should Poverty or Distress overtake them, be entitled to relief from the Funds of the Lodge.’”

On Motion made and Seconded, it was

Resolved, that the said Report be amended by striking out the whole of the said 16th Article.

The question was then taken on the said Bye Laws as amended and carried.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky of the 30th August last, was read and Ordered to be placed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Richard Tybout, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Mark Richards, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Jordan, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Wythe, Secretary; Bro^r. James Ker, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of J—— C——. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. William Wray, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Solomon Poalk, S. W.; Bro^r. Thomas Clyde, J. W.; Bro^r. John Griffith, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 22, held at Sunbury. A Letter from said Lodge Apologizing for their delinquency and promising to make their Returns speedily; also, Election Return, returning Bro^r. Michael Kutzner, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William T. Morris, S. W.; Bro^r. William Taggart, J. W.; Bro^r. William G. Forrest, Secretary; Bro^r. Enoch Smith, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 62, held at Reading. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John C. Baum, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Joseph Hiester, jun^r. S. W.; Bro^r. Charles Kessler, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel D. Franks, Secretary; Bro^r. Frederick Heller, Esq^r. Treasurer.

Bro^r. Baum, W. M^r. of Lodge N^o 62, stated that their meetings had for some Time past not been regularly held by

reason of a decline of the Lodge, but that they had again resumed their Labours, that he had this Day paid the sum of \$35 into the Hands of the Grand Treasurer, which was the whole amount of their Funds at present ; that the Lodge would for the future be punctual in making their Returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, and prayed that the said sum of \$35 would be accepted in full of their Grand Lodge Dues up to St^t John's Day last, and it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the said sum of \$35 be accepted in full of the Grand Lodge Dues of said Lodge up to St^t John's Day last.

Lodge N^o 64, held at Greensburg. A Letter from said Lodge, enclosing Return, &c., and stating that they are extremely sorry that it is not in their power to contribute anything at this Time to enable the Grand Lodge to raise a Masonic Hall, but expressing a hope that it will shortly be in their power to throw their mite. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Alexander Johnston, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Smith, S. W.; Bro^r. William M^cGranaghan, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Rose, jun^r. Secretary; Bro^r. John Stuart, Treasurer. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to Decem^r. last.

Lodge N^o 66, held at Caernarvon Township, Berks County. Return of Members, containing the Expulsions of J—— E—— and R—— M——, Esq^r.

Lodge N^o 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Robert Dinin, W. M.; Bro^r. David Cook, S. W.; Bro^r. John A. Moore, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secretary; Bro^r. John Johnson, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of N—— S—— for Non payment of Dues. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Peter Thouron, W. M.; Bro^r. Lewis Houard, S. W.; Bro^r. Lewis Murette, J. W.; Bro^r. John B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. James L. Vauchlain, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 81, held at Germantown. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Samuel P. Norton, W. M.; Bro^r. Henry Eberle, S. W.; Bro^r. Jacob Billger, J. W.; Bro^r. William A.

Lee, Secretary; Bro^r. John McClune, Treasurer. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Samuel P. Norton, W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Deal, S. W.; Bro^r. Jesse Norton, J. W.; Bro^r. William A. Lee, Secretary; Bro^r. John McClune, Treasurer. Return of Members, containing the Expulsions of T—— T——, J—— W——, J—— T——, and the reinstatement of Michael Lentz who was formerly Expelled.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Edward Gilfillan, W. M.; Bro^r. Levi Dungan, S. W.; Bro^r. William Carpenter, J. W.; Bro^r. John Twaddell, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Worrell, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

The further Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Communications from South Carolina, respecting the formation of a New Grand Lodge, &c., read on the 4th December last, and Ordered to lie over for Consideration, was postponed to the next Adjourned Communication.

A Petition was presented from a Bro^r. Adam Dickey praying relief. On Consideration, it was Resolved, that he have leave to withdraw his Petition, and that it be recommended to the Consideration of the Subordinate Lodges.

Bro^r. Samuel F. Bradford stated that there was reason to believe that there were some Brethren who were in the practice of holding illegal Masonic Meetings at Taverns and other places. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Bro^m. Samuel F. Bradford, Thomas Elliott, James McCurdy, Frederick Erringer and Thomas Amies be a Committee to enquire into the Premises and Report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That Bro^r. George A. Baker, Walter Kerr and John Phillips be a Committee to consider of the propriety of the 14th Rule of the Regulations for the government of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter being Repealed, and that they make Report thereon.

Said 14th Rule is as follows, to wit: "The Grand Chapter
"held in December in each Year shall elect Three Excellent
"Masters to assist the Grand Officers in Visiting Lodges,

“ &c., that the general uniformity of Ancient Masonry may
“ be preserved and handed down unchanged to posterity.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro^{rs} Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r George A. Baker and Samuel F. Bradford be a Committee to consider in what manner it may be most expedient to Add to the Funds of the Grand Lodge and make Report.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the names of the Brethren who have subscribed towards erecting the New Hall, and who shall have paid the Amount of their Subscriptions before S^t John's Day next, be entered at large on the Minutes.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have printed 1000 Copies of Applications for Dispensations to be Initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry, and 500 Copies of Applications for Dispensations to pass the Chair for the use of the different Lodges.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 7 o'clock, P. M., to the First Monday in April next at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2^d April, A. D. 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esq^r R. W. D. G. M.,
G. M. Pro Temp.

- “ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
- “ Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.
- “ Samuel Lippincott, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
- “ Thomas Armstrong, Esq^r Past R. W. S. Grand Warden.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 72, 73, 77, 91, 93, 102, 103, 105, 108, 114 and 115 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in due Form.

Bro^r. Duplessis, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Elect, was Installed into the said Office in Ancient Form.

The Committee on the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges made Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N^o. 50, which was read as follows, Viz :

“ To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsyl^a-

“ We, the Committee appointed by the R. W. Grand Lodge
 “ to Examine and Report on the Alteration of the Bye Laws
 “ of Lodge N^o. 50, Respectfully Report that we have examined
 “ the same and do not find anything contrary to the Constitu-
 “ tion of our Institution. We therefore recommend that the
 “ Grand Lodge Approve of them.

(Sign'd)

“ FREDERICK WOLBERT.

“ April 2, 1810.”

“ ROBERT PULLEN.”

Which Report was Approved.

The Report of the Committee on Communications from South Carolina respecting the formation of a New Grand Lodge, &c., read on the 4th December last, and Ordered to lie over for Consideration, and postponed on the 5th March last, was again read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“ To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic
 “ Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

“ The Committee to whom were referred the different Com-
 “ munications from the New Grand Lodge of South Carolina,
 “ from Lodge N^o. 31, A. Y. M. at Charleston, from the per-
 “ petuated Grand Lodge of A. Y. M. of South Carolina, from
 “ the R. W. Grand Lodges of Maryland and Georgia, Beg
 “ leave to Report,

“ That they have considered all the said Communications
 “ with the Attention the Importance of the Subject so justly
 “ commands.

“ Your Committee find that the Grand Lodge of South
 “ Carolina, A. Y. M., have thought proper to have meetings
 “ with the Members of the Modern Grand Lodge of Free and

“ Accepted Masons of South Carolina, to enter together into an
“ Agreement and Convention for the purpose of forming an
“ Union of both Grand Lodges ; That the said Union had
“ afterwards taken place under the Name of the ‘ Grand Lodge
“ of South Carolina,’ That they have elected Grand Officers
“ from both Grand Lodges, &c., &c., &c.

“ Your Committee are of Opinion that the proceedings of
“ the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, A. Y. M., as above, have
“ been in the most essential parts irregular, inconsistent with
“ the principles and practice of the Craft and with the Union.
“ Harmony and Brotherly Duties which should always subsist
“ between a Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges under
“ their Jurisdiction, which make a component part of the said
“ Grand Lodge, and cannot be justified under any pretence
“ whatsoever, especially as they are an absolute removal of Our
“ Ancient Land Marks.

“ Your Committee have also the painful Duty to state that
“ the said portion of the Grand Lodge, A. Y. M., appears to
“ them to have established what the Committee deem a New
“ Order Variant from both that of A. Y. and Modern Masons,
“ in as much as they established Terms of recognition and
“ Fellowship unknown to either.

“ Your Committee find also that Lodge N^o. 31, held at
“ Charleston, South Carolina, and Fifteen other Lodges, A. Y.
“ M., have refused to sanction the foregoing proceedings, and
“ have perpetuated the Grand Lodge of A. Y. M. Also, that
“ the R. W. Grand Lodges of Maryland, Georgia and Virginia
“ have expressed their disapprobation of the aforesaid proceed-
“ ings and Union.

“ Your Committee do conceive it unnecessary, even im-
“ proper to say further, on such an unhappy Occasion, and
“ beg leave to offer the following Resolutions.

“ Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge cannot, under
“ the foregoing Circumstances, Acknowledge nor hold any
“ Communication with the New Grand Lodge of South Caro-
“ lina.

“ Resolved, That the Conduct of Lodge N^o. 31, and the
“ other Fifteen Lodges who have refused to join and to obey

“the Orders of the said New Grand Lodge, and have perpetuated the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons, is truly consistent with their Duties, and that they deserve to be countenanced by every true Ancient Mason.

“Resolved, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary send as soon as possible, a Copy of the foregoing Report and Resolutions to the New Grand Lodge of South Carolina and to all the Grand Lodges of the Correspondence.

(Signed)

“J. B. SMITH.

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“SAMUEL F. BRADFORD.

“December 4th. 5809.

“GEORGE A. BAKER.”

Which Report and Resolutions were adopted.

The Committee appointed to consider in what manner it will be most expedient to add to the Funds of the Grand Lodge made Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

“The Committee appointed to consider in what manner it will be most expedient to Add to the Funds of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to Report:

“That they have given to the subject all the attention in their power, and are of Opinion that the price of Warrants might be raised to Seventy Five Dollars, the price of Certificates to Four Dollars, and that every Candidate might be made to pay over and above the Fees required by the Bye Laws of the Lodge to which he shall apply, the sum of Five Dollars.

“Your Committee, considering that many worthy Brethren who are often obliged to set out on a Journey unexpectedly, have not sufficient Time to procure a Grand Certificate, whereby they are deprived of the benefit of Visiting the different Lodges they meet in their Journey, are of Opinion that Brothers Master Masons, Members of Regular Lodges, in good standing, should be entitled to receive a Grand Certificate upon the recommendation or Certificate of the W. Master.

“Your Committee beg leave to propose the following Resolutions :

“Resolved, That the price of Warrants shall from henceforth be Seventy Five Dollars, and the price of Grand Lodge Certificates Four Dollars.

“Resolved, That every Brother Master Mason, being a Member of a Regular Lodge, shall be entitled to receive a Grand Lodge Certificate on his producing to Bro^r. Grand Secretary, a Certificate of his good standing in his said Lodge, signed by the Worshipful Master and Countersigned by the Secretary, with the Seal of the said Lodge, any Rule or Regulation of this Grand Lodge and any Bye Laws of private Lodges to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

“Resolved, that every Candidate who shall hereafter apply to any of the Lodges meeting in this Hall, shall over and above the Fees required by the Bye Laws of the said Lodge, pay the Sum of Five Dollars, which shall be paid by the said Lodge Once in every Year at least unto Bro^r. Grand Treasurer, and shall be applied to the Contingent or Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“Philad^a. April 2, 1810.

“GEORGE A. BAKER.”

Which Report and Resolutions were adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 5th Ultimo on the subject of illegal Masonic Meetings made Report, and offered Two Resolutions, which were amended and adopted as follows, to wit :

“The Committee appointed on the 5th Ultimo, agreeably to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge, relative to illegal Masonic Meetings, Beg leave to Report :

“That they have enquired into the premisses and find that a person of the Name of Henry Snyder, has for a considerable Time past been in the practice of holding Masonic Meetings at the Black Horse Tavern, near the First Turnpike Gate on the Frankford Road, on Sunday afternoons, and at the Tavern of a certain Doyle, in High, near Water Street, on Thursday Evenings ; at which places a Number of Free Masons have attended, and at which meetings the

“said Snyder is in the habit of acting as W. Master, and that
 “Lodges have been opened and Lectures on the Masonic De-
 “grees given by him. That after such Lectures have been
 “given, they proceeded to collect Dues to defray the expences
 “for Liquor, and to compensate said Snyder for his services.

“Your Committee would further Report that they have re-
 “ceived information of similar Masonic Meetings being held
 “by other persons in different parts of the City, and your
 “Committee, conceiving that such illegal and unauthorized
 “meetings, if permitted, will have a tendency to injure young
 “Masons, and be detrimental to the Craft, and it being a gross
 “deviation from Ancient Land Marks, to prevent which they
 “beg leave to offer the following Resolutions :

“Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to inform
 “Bro^r. Snyder that all such Meetings are illegal, and should
 “he or any other Brother persist in such Conduct in future,
 “he and they will be dealt with by the Grand Lodge agree-
 “ably to the Ancient Customs and usages of Masonry.

“Resolved, That it be recommended to the Master of each
 “Lodge to warn his Brethren from attending such meetings
 “under the Penalty of being expelled.

(Sign'd)

“THOMAS ELLIOTT.

“JAMES M^cCURDY.

“FREDERICK ERRINGER.

“THOMAS AMIES.”

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of
 6th September last, was read and Ordered to be deposited
 among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,
 of 27th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited
 among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It also stated, be-
 side the Annual Communication that R—— B——, who was
 formerly Expell'd by Lodge N^o. 3, in this City, had become an
 inhabitant of Nova Scotia, and desiring to be informed
 whether he had been re-instated. Bro^r. Grand Secretary was
 directed to Answer the same, and to communicate that R——
 B—— was expelled and has not been re-instated.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N^o 5, held at Cantwell's Bridge. Election Return of December last, returning Rev^d. Bro^r. Henry L. Davis, W. M.; Bro^r. Alexander Briscoe, S. W.; Bro^r. Doct^r. John T. Veazey, J. W.; Bro^r. Doct^r. Arthur Johns, Secretary; Bro^r. John Moody, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 45, held at Pittsburgh. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John H. Chaplain, W. M^r.; Bro^r. George Stuart, S. W.; Bro^r. John Sample, J. W.; Bro^r. Robert Steele, Secretary; Bro^r. George Robinson, Treasurer. Return of Members.

Lodge N^o 93, held at New Orleans, Viz: Election Return of June, 1807, returning Bro^r. Eugene D'Orsiere, W. M.; Bro^r. H. Hazeur de L'Orme, S. W.; Bro^r. B. Dufau, J. W.; Bro^r. Albin Michel, Secretary; Bro^r. Guerin, Treasurer. Election Return of June, 1808. Bro^r. Eugene D'Orsiere, W. M.; Bro^r. Huzur De Lorme, S. W.; Bro^r. J. B. Conrotte, J. W.; Bro^r. Auguste Guiber, Secretary; Bro^r. F. Maturin Guerin, Treasurer. Returns of Members for 1807, 1808 and 1809. Accounts of Grand Lodge Dues up to June, 1809.

Lodge N^o 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Viz: Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John Lightner, W. M.; Bro^r. Daniel McCurdy, S. W., Bro^r. Thomas Crawford, J. W.; Bro^r. Nathaniel Lightner, jun^r. Secretary; Bro^r. Joel Lightner, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues, Amount, \$38.23.

Lodge N^o 114, held at Philadelphia. A Copy of their Bye Laws was received and referr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master presented sundry Communications from Lodges N^o 77, 88 and 98, which were referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that Bro^r. Grand Secretary be re-imbursed the Cost of a Screw Press and Irons for Cutting paper for the Seals of the Grand Lodge and

of the Grand Master, which have been procured by him for the use of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the Petition of Bro^r. Pullen, respecting the Subscription Money of the late Bro^r. Rayner, not being ready to Report was continued.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th June, 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. M.,
in the Chair.

- “ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
- “ Samuel F. Bradford, Grand Treasurer.
- “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. Grand Secretary.
- “ Samuel Lippincott, T., Senior Grand Deacon.
- “ Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 48, 51, 66, 67, 70, 71, 77, 87, 91, 93, 98, 102, 103, 105,
108, 114 and 115 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in due Form.

The Minutes of the last G. Q. and Adjourned Comm^a were read.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that our late Bro^r. William Ball, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master, and who was the First Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, had departed this Life on Wednesday the 30th Ultimo, and that at the request of the Friends of the Deceased his remains had been interred the following Day at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon

in the Baptist Burial Ground in this City in Masonic Form by the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in the City. Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Order of Procession of said Funeral be Entered on the Minutes, and that the Expences of the said Procession be paid out of the Treasury of this Grand Lodge.

The Order of said Procession was as follows, to wit :

The Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges in the City assembled at the Old Hall of the Grand Lodge, at 8 o'clock in the Morning of Thursday, the 31st May, Ultimo, and proceeded from thence, by Lodges according to Juniority, in Procession to the House of the Deceased, and from thence, preceding the Corpse, to the Grave Yard in the following Order, Viz :

Lodge N^o. 115.

Master of Ceremonies with drawn Sword.

Enter'd Apprentices 2 and 2.

Fellow Crafts 2 and 2.

Master Masons 2 and 2.

Deacons with their Wands.

Secretary with his Scroll, and Treasurer.

Wardens of the Lodge.

Past Masters 2 and 2.

Master of the Lodge.

Lodge N^o. 114, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 91, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 73, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 72, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 71, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 67, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 59, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 52, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 51, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 19, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 9, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 3, in the same Order.

Lodge N^o. 2, in the same Order.

Band of Music.

The Grand Lodge then followed in the following Order, to wit :

- Grand Tyler with drawn Sword.
- Twelve Past Masters 2 and 2 bearing White Wands.
- Grand Sword Bearer with drawn Sword.
- Past Grand Officers.
- Grand Secretary with his Scroll, and Grand Treasurer.
- Grand Wardens bearing their Columns.
- Three Lights, *extinguished*, borne by 3 Past Masters.
- Holy Bible, Square and Compass, borne by a Past Master and supported by 2 Past Masters.
- Grand Chaplain.
- Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.
- Grand Pursuivant with drawn Sword.
- Four Grand Deacons bearing their Wands, 2 and 2.
- Two Grand Marshals, with their Wands, on the Flanks of the Procession.

The Front of the Procession having arrived in the above Order at the place of Interment, the Brethren halted, faced inwards and opened their Ranks, the Grand Lodge, preceded by the Corpse and Mourners, moved forward through the Ranks, the Brethren closed from the Rear, followed the Grand Lodge and formed a Circle round the Grave. A short Address was then delivered by the Reverend Doct^r. Staughton, and a prayer offered up by the Rev^d. Doct^r. Rogers, after which the proper Masonic Funeral Service, &c., was performed by the Grand Master and Grand Chaplain and the Masonic Honours, &c., given by the Brethren.

The Funeral being over, the Procession returned in Inverse Order, according to Seniority, to the Hall, the Grand Lodge moving in Front.

The Grand Secretary Reported that since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit :

For Dispensations,	\$85.
For Grand Lodge Certificates,	50.60
For Books of Ahiman Rezon,	8.

From Lodge N^o. 72, On Account of Grand Lodge

Dues, \$71.38

Total, . . . \$214.98

Which was Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of Bro^r. Robert Pullen, respecting the Subscription of the late Bro^r. Thomas Rayner, made Report, which was read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 6th December last, was read and Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of 24th February last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of 1st April last, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, of 30th November last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master presented Two Communications from Lodges N^o. 88 and 98, which were referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o. 73, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members to 27 December last. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to same Time.

Lodge N^o. 92, held at Union Town, Fayette C^o. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Andrew Oliphant, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Whetstone, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Warner, J. W.; Bro^r. John Lyon, Secretary ; Bro^r. Thomas Meason, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 109, held at S^t. Genevieve, Louisiana Territory. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Otho Shrader, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Henry Dodge, S. W.; Bro^r. John

Scott, J. W.; Bro^r. Samuel H. Y. Young, Secretary; Bro^r. John M^cArthur, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 9 o'clock, P. M., to the 1st Monday in July next at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Monday, 25th June, instead of St. John's Day which fell on Sunday the 24th June, 1807.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present :

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. M.,
in the Chair.

- “ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- “ Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ George Richards, Grand Chaplain.
- “ Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
- “ Thomas Amies, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.
- “ Jon^s. B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 72, 77, 88, 91, 98, 103, 105, 108, 114 and 19 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Due form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master presented a Letter to him from the R. W. Grand Master, which was read, and is as follows, to wit :

ST. JOHN'S DAY, 25th for the 24th June, A. L. 5810.

“ R. W. and Respected Brother.

“ The situation of my professional engagements in Court to Day affords me but little prospect of attending the Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

“ If I should not be there at the usual hour of opening, be

“good enough not to delay the commencement of business on
 “my Account, but present the Brethren with my Apology,
 “and tender to them in my behalf the salutations of the Day.

“With the most faithful and Affectionate regard, I remain
 “Right Worshipful and respected Brother,
 “Your, and the R. W. Grand Lodge’s
 “Obedient Servant and Friend,

(Address’d) (Sign’d) “JAMES MILNOR, G. M.
 “PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. M.”

Two Communications from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, of 28th and 30th May, were read and refer’d to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Lodges being called on to present their Returns, the following were received and read :

Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Douglass, jun^r. W. M^r.; Bro^r. Joshua Fletcher, S. W.; Bro^r. Norman Burroughs, J. W.; Bro^r. George A. Baker, jun^r. Secretary, Bro^r. William Meguire, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Clyde, W. M^r.; Bro^r. George Reed, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Scott, J. W.; Bro^r. John M^cArthur, Secretary; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 19, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Elliott, W. M.; Bro^r. James M. Linnard, S. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Pearson, J. W.; Bro^r. Blaithwaite J. Shober, Secretary; Bro^r. William T. Donaldson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Thomas Astley, W. M.; Bro^r. Joseph Curwen, S. W.; Bro^r. Benjamin Stephens, J. W.; Bro^r. William Shannon, Secretary; Bro^r. William Bethell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Conrad, W. M.; Bro^r. Clement Lee Brady, S. W.; Bro^r. Brian Drum, Esq^r. J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Bussier, Esq^r. Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-

ing Bro^r. Hugh Gray, W. M^r.; Bro^r. James Pearl, S. W.;
Bro^r. James Rabb, J. W.; Bro^r. William Sweeny, Secretary;
Bro^r. Philip Boyle, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
ing Bro^r. Samuel Lippincott, T., W. M.; Bro^r. Lewis Taylor,
S. W.; Bro^r. William Wallace, J. W.; Bro^r. Charles Cum-
mens, Secretary; Bro^r. John Kinnan, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 71, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
ing Bro^r. David Cook, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John A. Moore, S. W.;
Bro^r. William Bozorth, J. W.; Bro^r. William Adams, Secre-
tary; Bro^r. John Johnson, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
ing Bro^r. John Nisbet, W. M^r.; Bro^r. George E. Blake, S. W.;
Bro^r. David Williamson, J. W.; Bro^r. William Strickland,
Secretary; Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 114, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
ing Bro^r. James Harper, jun^r. W. M^r.; Bro^r. John M^cWaters,
S. W.; Bro^r. John Kissick, J. W.; Bro^r. James Macaulay,
Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Vickers, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, return-
ing Bro^r. Bayse Newcomb, jun^r. W. M.; Bro^r. William Allib-
bone, jun^r. S. W.; Bro^r. Joshua Sullivan, J. W.; Bro^r.
Thomas Allibone, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel H. Jacobs,
Treasurer. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was re-
ferr'd to the Committee on Bye Laws to examine and Re-
port thereon.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2^d July, A. D. 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly
Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. D. Grand
Master.

- Bro^r. William Wray, R. W. S. Grand Warden, P. Temp.
 “ Joseph Burden, R. W. J. Grand Warden.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r” Deputy Grand Secretary.
 Rev^d. Bro^r. George Richards, D. D., Grand Chaplain.
 Bro^r. Joshua Sullivan, S. Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ George E. Blake, J. Grand Deacon, P. T.
 “ William Allibone, jun^r” Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 43, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 98, 103, 105, 108, 114 and 115 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of S^t. John's Day were read.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on divers Communications from Grand Lodges, which was read and Unanimously approved. Said Report is as follows, to wit:

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic “Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

“The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred “the several Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodges “of Lower Canada, of September 1st 1808 ; from the R. W. “Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, of September 26th 1808 ; “from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, of October 25th “1808 ; from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, of May “and November, 1808 ; from the R. W. Grand Lodge of “North Carolina and Tennessee, of January 13th, 1809 ; from “the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, of June 1st 1808, and “June 18th, 1809, and from the R. W. Grand Lodge of New “Jersey, of November 8th 1808, Beg leave to Report that upon “examination of the said Communications they find that the “Communication from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada “contains nothing but a List of Grand Officers, of Lodges, Ex- “pulsions and Rejections of Candidates.

“The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode “Island, &c., contains a List of Grand Officers, and encloses

“ a Copy of their Constitution as formerly received and reported upon.

“ The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Georgia contains a List of Grand Officers, their Rules and Regulations with nothing material.

“ The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland contains a Resolution against Acknowledging the Grand Lodge of Delaware. The Grand Lodge propose a Grand Convention to be held at the City of Washington, on of on a subject of great Importance to the institution of Masonry.

“ The Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee mentions that the proposition made by several of the Grand Lodges in the United States, to appoint Delegates to meet in the City of Washington for the purpose of forming a Constitution for a Supreme Grand Lodge of America, seems to have been adopted by a large Majority of the Grand Lodges. The Time at which this Convention are to assemble remains to be settled between us, and propose the Third Monday in January, A. D. 1810. The City of Washington is supposed to be the most convenient, *as the Grand Lodges may appoint some of their Members in Congress respectively to fill this Delegation.*

“ The Communications from the G. Lodge of Virginia inform that having further Considered the Communication concerning the pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware, they have resolved that they cannot fraternize with them, &c.

“ The Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey contains the Election of Grand Officers, &c., encloses a Copy of their Regulations. They renew their readiness to meet in a Grand Convention in the City of Philadelphia, but reject again the proposal of establishing a superintending Grand Lodge; they have appointed Three Deputies to meet as soon as Seven Lodges shall have agreed. The Deputies are the R. W. Aaron Woodruff, late R. W. Grand Master, John Beatty and John N. Cummins
Philadelphia, April 2nd, 5810.

(Sign'd)

“ P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“ THO^a. HENNESSY.”

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on a Communication from the Newly Established Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was read and Unanimously Approved, and is as follows, Viz :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

“The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred a Communication from the New Established Grand Lodge of Ohio, in the State of Ohio, beg leave to Report that they have examined the said Communication and find that agreeably to a previous arrangement, on the First Monday of January, 1808, a legal representation from the Lodges at Warren, Zanesville, Marietta, Chillicothe and Cincinnati, holding Charters from different Grand Lodges, convened at Chillicothe for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge ; That they formed a Convention, Adopted some necessary regulations, elected the Officers of a Grand Lodge to be called ‘The Grand Lodge of Ohio,’ and appointed the First Monday of January, 1809, for them to convene and proceed to their Installation ; That accordingly on that day the officers so elected did appear and a representation of all the above Lodges except that of Marietta.

“That about that time an alarming and unprecedented inundation had laid that Town, (Marietta,) under the water, and the distress and confusion inseparable from such a situation appear to have prevented the attendance of their delegation.

“That Bro^r. William Skinner then present, had been delegated from the Lodge at Marietta to the Convention by which the above Lodges were authorized to meet then ; That he was also the Junior Warden elect of the said Lodge, and could in fact, and with propriety, have been considered as the legal representative of his said Lodge in the unexpected and unavoidable absence of his colleagues, and that he was on the 5th day of January aforesaid, 1809, elected Senior Grand Warden.

“Your Committee find also that the said Lodges had paid due respect to the R. W. Grand Lodges by which they had

“been severally constituted, by paying up their dues and communicating their intention of forming themselves into a Grand Lodge, &c.

“Your Committee are of opinion that the Brethren Composing the Grand Lodge of Ohio have as much as in their power, complied with all requisites in forming themselves into a Grand Lodge, and beg leave to submit the following resolutions :

“Resolved, that this Grand Lodge do approve of the proceedings of the Lodges held at Warner, Zanesville, Marietta, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, in forming and establishing the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in the State of Ohio, and do recognize the said Grand Lodge.

“Resolved, that this Grand Lodge do most cordially accept the offer made by the Grand Lodge of Ohio of an interchange of Masonic communication and of a brotherly correspondence.

“Resolved, that the Committee of Correspondence be directed to forward to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio a Copy of the foregoing report and Resolutions and a letter expressive of the truly fraternal sentiments of this Grand Lodge.

“Philadelphia, April 2nd, 5810.

(Sign'd)

“P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

“THO^s. HENNESSY.”

The following Returns, &c., were received and read, to wit :
Lodge N^o 3, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Mark Richards, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Joseph Jordan, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Sykes, J. W.; Bro^r. Daniel Wythe, Secretary ; Bro^r. James Ker, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 9, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members, containing the Rejections of C—— B—— and M—— M——.

Lodge N^o 51, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members and Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N^o 72, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Adam Keyser, W. M^r.; Bro^r. John Lambert, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Zeiss, J. W.; Bro^r. John Snyder, Secretary ; Bro^r. George Willig, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 73, held at Philadelphia. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Peter Thouron, W. M.; Bro^r. Lewis Houard, S. W.; Bro^r. Lewis Marette, J. W.; Bro^r. John B. Orso, Secretary; Bro^r. Lewis Fort, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming C^o. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. John Cummings, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Best, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Williams, J. W.; Bro^r. William Watson, Secretary; Bro^r. John Hays, Treasurer. Return of Members to December last.

An alteration in the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which was reffer'd to the Committee on the Bye Laws to examine and Report thereon.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Bro^r. Pullen, respecting the Subscription of the late Bro^r. Rayner, read at the last Quarterly Communication, was again read and taken into Consideration, and On Motion, the further Consideration thereof was postponed to the next Quarterly Communication.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that a Number of the Brethren had communicated to him their wishes for the erection of a Statue, on the Grounds in Front of the New Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, as a Memorial of the gratitude, love and admiration of Our institution for the Memory of our late illustrious Brother, George Washington; that it was not proposed that this undertaking should be attended with any expence to the Grand Lodge, but that a subscription should be opened under the superintendence of the Grand Master, the Sums subscribed by each Person to be paid as soon as the aggregate amount should be deemed sufficient for the accomplishment of the plan; this fact, as well as the design and mode of executing the Statue, with its enclosure and decorations to be ascertained by a Meeting of the Subscribers. For the purpose of obtaining the sense of the Grand Lodge upon the subject of such an appropriation of the above Grounds, the Grand Master submitted the foregoing. Whereupon,

Resolved, Unanimously, That the subscribers to the above plan be permitted to make use of so much of the Area or Court in Front of the New Hall as may be necessary, for the erection of a statue in Honour of our late illustrious Brother,

George Washington, with suitable decorations and enclosure, and that the same be appropriated to that object.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3^d September, 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

- Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.
 “ Robert McCullagh, R. W. D. G. M., Pro Temp.
 “ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 “ Frederick Erringer, R. W. J. G. Warden, Pro Temp.
 “ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
 “ Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
 “ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. Dep^y. Grand Secretary.
 “ Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.
 “ Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.
 “ Robert Pullen, Grand Sword Bearer.
 “ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.
 “ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 102, 105, 108, 114 and 115 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Grand General and Adjourned Communications were read.

Whereas, the Funds at the disposal of the Building Committee of the New Hall are insufficient for the completion of the undertaking, and it is believed that the Masonic Zeal of the Brethren will, if suitably appealed to, furnish means for progressing in the work.

Resolved, That a Committee of Five Respectable and Active Brethren, on whose attachment to the Craft and disposition to

promote its Interest a firm reliance may be placed, be selected by the Grand Master from each Lodge for the purpose of immediately soliciting, with earnestness, from the Members of their respective Lodges contributions for the New Hall.

Resolved, That each Committee so appointed, confine its collections to the Members of its own Lodge ; that they be desired to enter with promptitude and Industry on the Important trust confided to them, and that they pay into the Hands of Brother George A. Baker, Treasurer of the New Hall Committee, at least once in ten days, the Amount by them received.

Resolved, That for the better information and Assistance of the above Committees, they be each furnished by the Grand Secretary with a list of the Members of the Lodge for which they act, with a note subjoined to the name of each Member who has already subscribed, of the Amount of his Subscription, and whether paid or not, and that they be desired to collect the Sums still unpaid by the original subscribers, as well as to solicit from such of them whom Circumstances will admit thereof additional contributions.

Resolved, That if, contrary to the expectation of the Grand Lodge, any of the Brethren nominated on the above Committees should decline serving, the residue of the Members thereof be authorized to supply the Vacancy.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint the following Brethren to compose the above Committees, Viz :

Lodge N^o. 2, Bro^{rs}. Joseph Burden, Doct^r. James Cutbush, Norman Burroughs, William Hamilton and William Meguire.

Lodge N^o. 3, Bro^{rs}. Mark Richards, John Maull, Henry Voight, (Plumber,) Thomas De Silver and Doct^r. Samuel Benezet.

Lodge N^o. 9, Bro^{rs}. William Wray, Thomas Entrikin, George Reed, Joseph Campbell and Dan^l M^cKaraher.

Lodge N^o. 19, Bro^{rs}. Thomas Elliott, William M. Linnard, Frederick Erringer, Cornelius Stevenson and John Carpenter.

Lodge N^o. 51, Bro^{rs}. Walter Kerr, Thomas Bradford, jun^r. William Morrison, Charles Ross and Alexander W. Walker.

Lodge No. 52, Bro^{rs} John Conrad, Thomas Amies, Spencer Dewees, Daniel Bussier and Bryan Drum.

Lodge No. 59, Bro^{rs} Michael Fagan, William Sweeny, Hugh Gray, Robert Kean and Thomas M^cClean.

Lodge No. 67, Bro^{rs} Samuel Lippincott, T., Lewis Taylor, Lambert Keating, Charles Cummins and John Kinnan.

Lodge No. 71, Bro^{rs} Robert Dinnin, John A. Moore, Henry O'Neil, William Glasgow and Hugh Tierney.

Lodge No. 72, Bro^{rs} John Snyder, George Willig, Charles Smith, John Hufty and John Carter.

Lodge No. 91, Bro^{rs} John Nisbet, Thomas Hennessy, John S. Willet, George E. Blake and Robert Wellford.

Lodge No. 114, Bro^{rs} James Harper, jun^r, Samuel B. Ellis, William Adams, John M^cWaters and Thomas Vickers.

Lodge No. 115, Bro^{rs} Bayse Newcomb, jun^r, George Alcorn, William Allibone, jun^r, Joshua Sullivan and Samuel Jackson.

And Whereas, the Grand Lodge have Enrolled upon their Records the Names of many worthy and respectable Brethren, whose advanced Age or other causes have induced them to relinquish their Membership with particular Lodges, and who of course will not come within the range of service prescribed to the foregoing Committees, yet whose feelings of undiminished attachment to the Fraternity will be gratified by the Opportunity of affording their Aid to an undertaking on which the prosperity of the Craft so much depends,

Resolved, That the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be a Committee for the special purpose of respectfully inviting the contributions of Masons not attached by Membership to any particular Lodge under our Jurisdiction.

And Whereas, the Spire of the New Hall was not a part of the Original plan of the Grand Lodge, but was added thereto, not only from a desire to improve the appearance of the Hall, but on the suggestion of many Citizens not Members of the Institution, that it would greatly add to the beauty of this flourishing and rapidly increasing metropolis, and it is be-

lieved that it would not be derogatory to Dignity of the Grand Lodge to ask the contributions of Citizens not united with our Society for this particular object,

Resolved, That the above named Grand Officers, (taking to their Assistance, if they think proper, such other Brethren as may be willing to unite in the service,) be authorized to solicit contributions from persons not Members of the Society, to be applied exclusively to the finishing of the Cupola or Spire of the New Hall.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to Address a Circular Letter in behalf of the Grand Lodge to each of the subordinate Lodges in this City, (which hold their Meetings in the Grand Lodge Room,) stating to them the present necessities of the Grand Lodge, the high and interesting importance to their individual prosperity of the speedy completion of the New Hall, and calling upon their Masonic Fidelity, Zeal and Attachment, not only for individual contribution to this extensive and useful undertaking, but also a liberal appropriation of their own Funds by way of Donation to this object.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary use his best endeavours, by special Notice or otherwise during the present Month, to obtain payment of the Arrearages due from the subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, in order that such balance as may remain in the Treasury, exclusive of the Monies arising from the Loan, and deducting the sums paid for Interest, Taxes and Current Expences of the Grand Lodge may be paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of said Loan, agreeably to the plan on the First Day of October next.

A Petition from a Number of Ancient York Master Masons residing in and near the Village of Elizabeth Town, in the County of Lancaster was read. It prayed for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at said Village to be called "Amicitia Lodge," and that Bro^r. Terah Jones might be named Master; Thomas Wilson, Senior Warden, and William Heller, Junior Warden, of the same. Which Petition being in due Form, and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That

the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 116.

The Grand Secretary Reported that since the last Grand Quarterly Communication, he had received the following Monies on Account of the Grand Lodge, to wit :

For Dispensations,	\$65.
For Grand Lodge Certificates,	40.5
For Books of Ahiman Rezon,	6.
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Total,	\$111.5

Which was Order'd to be Enter'd on the Minutes.

The Committee appointed on the 5th March last, respecting the 14th Rule of the Regulations for the government of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter being repealed, made Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit :

“To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

“The Committee appointed by the within Resolution of the
 “Grand Lodge to consider of the propriety of the 14th Rule
 “of the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Royal
 “Arch Chapter being Repealed, Respectfully Report.

“That they have Attended to the Duty Assigned them, and
 “after mature and full Consideration of the premisses, are of
 “Opinion that the said 14th Rule is Useless and Improper,
 “and ought therefore to be Repealed.

“Useless, Because nothing touching or concerning the Fourth
 “Degree of Masonry or the Holy Royal Arch is or can
 “possibly be taken up or acted upon at the Grand Visita-
 “tions.

“Improper, Because the Grand Lodge is the Supreme Author-
 “ity, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter being held under the
 “protection of and supported by the Grand Lodge, and the
 “appointment of such Committee therefore considered as
 “highly Derogatory to the Honour and Dignity of the
 “Grand Lodge.

“Your Committee therefore Offer the following Resolution :

“Resolved, That the 14th Rule of the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter be Repealed.

“Respectfully submitted,

(Sign'd)

“GEORGE A. BAKER.

“WALTER KERR.

“Philad^a. 25 Aug^t. 1810.”

“JOHN PHILLIPS.”

Which Report and Resolution were Unanimously Adopted.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of 1st July last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon. It Communicated the Expulsions of D—— S——, by Benevolent Lodge, N^o 7; E—— H——, by Hiram Lodge, N^o 9; T—— C——, by Mount Vernon Lodge, N^o 15.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of 27th December last, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon. It communicated the Expulsion of J—— A——, of Columbia Lodge, Boston.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read, to wit :

Lodge N^o 21, held at Harrisburgh, Viz: Election Return of December, 1809, return^s Bro^r. George M. Waggoner, W. M.; Bro^r. John Mytinger, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Bryan, J. W.; Bro^r. Frederick William Leopold, Secretary; Bro^r. Jeremiah Rees, Treasurer. Return of Members to same Time. Account of Grand Lodge Dues Amounting to \$24.

Lodge N^o 43, held at Lancaster. Election Return of December last, returning Bro^r. Jeremiah Mosher, W. M.; Bro^r. William Hamilton, S. W.; Bro^r. William Pitt Atlee, J. W.; Bro^r. William Greer, Secretary; Bro^r. Egbert Taylor, Treasurer. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Jeremiah Mosher, W. M.; Bro^r. William Hamilton, S. W.; Bro^r. William Pitt Atlee, J. W.; Bro^r. Henry Antes, Secretary; Bro^r. Egbert Taylor, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o 45, held at Pittsburgh. Account of Grand Lodge Dues from Dec^r. 1804, to December last, Amounting to \$142.94.

Lodge N^o. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. John McClune, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Jesse Norton, S. W.; Bro^r. George A. Miller, J. W.; Bro^r. William A. Lee, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Deal, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 91, held at Philadelphia. A Communication of the full re-instatement of Bro^r. William F. McLaughlin and Charles Kean, who had been Suspended for Non payment of Dues.

Lodges N^o. 88 and 98, Sundry Communications from said Lodges, which were referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to Examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N^o. 102, held at Frankford. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Edward Gilfillan, W. M^r.; Bro^r. William Carpenter, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel Caster, J. W.; Bro^r. James Dyre, Secretary; Bro^r. Samuel Worrell, Treasurer.

Lodge N^o. 104, held in Leacock Township, Lancaster C^o. Election Return of June last, returning Bro^r. Daniel McCurdy, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Thomas Crawford, S. W.; Bro^r. Samuel P. Walson, J. W.; Bro^r. Nathaniel Lightner, jun^r. Secretary; Bro^r. Joel Lightner, Treasurer.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Bro^r. Robert Pullen, respecting the Subscription of the late Bro^r. Thomas Rayner towards the New Hall, read the 4th June and again read on the 2^d July last, and the Consideration thereof postponed, was again read, and is in the words following, to wit:

“To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, &c., &c.:

“We, Your Committee, Beg leave to Report That we have
 “Attended to the Duty enjoined on us in the Case of the
 “Widow of Our late respected Brother Rayner, and recom-
 “mend that the prayer of Brother Pullen be granted, and
 “that the Widow of our deceased Brother be exonerated from
 “the payment of any Sum, or Sums subscribed, (and not paid,)
 “by her late Husband, towards building the New Masonic
 “Hall.”

(Sign'd)

“WALTER KERR.

“A. McKENZIE.

“Philada^a. 21st March, 1810.

“THO^s. ELLIOTT.”

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,
Resolved, That said Report be Adopted, and that the
prayer of the said Petition be granted.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 27th October, A. D. 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. Grand
Master.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ William Wray, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro. Temp.

“ Alexander M^cKenzie, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Darragh, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan B. Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 19, 45, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 91, 98, 103, 105, 108, 114
and 115 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was
Opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they
had been convened for the purpose of receiving some Petitions
praying for Warrants for holding of Lodges.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro^r. Duplessis, late Rep-
resentative of Lodges N^o. 88 and 98, begged leave to state that
he had received several Communications from the said Lodges
since the Brethren had been obliged to quit the Island of
Cuba, and had removed to New Orleans, which he had pre-
sented to the Grand Lodge, and had been committed to the

Committee of Correspondence, that the Brethren of the said Two Lodges were very desirous to obtain leave to continue their work at New Orleans aforesaid under their Old Warrants, Or otherwise they prayed the R. W. Grand Lodge would please to grant them New Ones. That he had lately received from the said Lodges Communications on the same subject, and the R. W. Grand Master was also pleased to inform the Brethren that he had lately received Communications from Lodge N^o 98 to the same effect. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge cannot grant the said Lodges the liberty of proceeding to work under their Old Warrants, which have been Vacated by their removal from the Island of Cuba, but that New Warrants be granted to the said Lodges, late N^o 88 to be Named "Lodge La Concorde," N^o 117, Bro^r. Baptiste Bernard Bacque to be named W. Master; Bro^r. Francis Lavigne, S. W., and Bro^r. John Rosselin, J. W.; and late Lodge N^o 98 to be Named "Lodge La Perseverance," N^o 118, Bro^r. John Baptiste Pinta to be named W. Master; Bro^r. Emmanuel Gigaud, S. W., and Bro^r. John Francis Giguel, J. W., and that the said Lodges be held at New Orleans, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out Warrants accordingly.

A Petition was read from a Number of Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Clifford, in the County of Luzerne, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that Bro^r. David Taylor might be named W. Master; Bro^r. Jonathan Wilber, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Joseph Potter, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 119.

A Petition was read from a Number of Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Tioga, in the Township of Tioga and County of Tioga, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be named

“Liberty Lodge,” and that Ambrose Millard might be Named W. Master; William Willard, Senior Warden, and Dennis Hawes, Junior Warden, of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, It was, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 120, and that they be allowed until S^t. John’s Day in June next to pay for the same.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the New Hall Committee be Authorized to Let the parts of the New Hall which are intended to be Rented, to wit: the Lower Story and the Eastern and Middle Cellars, and to Execute Leases for the same.

Bro^r. Baker presented a Certificate from Abrams Lodge, N^o. 15, held in the City of New York, dated 17th August last, in the Name of “Robert Porter,” which he informed the Grand Lodge had been left with him by a person who said that he had found it near Kensington in an Handkerchief containing a Shirt, 2 Razors, A small Looking Glass and a piece of Soap. Whereupon, Resolved, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary write to the Grand Lodge of New York informing them that the said Certificate is in his possession.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 o’clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 19th November, A. D. 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. D. G. Master.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro^r. George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ George Richards, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

“ Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Bayse Newcomb, jun^r Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 114 and 115 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of receiving Two Petitions praying for Warrants for holding of Lodges.

A Petition was thereupon read from sundry Ancient York Master Masons, late Members of Lodge N^o 51, held at Philadelphia, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Philadelphia, and that Bro^r. Andrew M. Prevost might be named W. Master; Bro^r. Thomas Bradford, Jun^r. Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Issachar Evans, Junior Warden, of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and duly recommended by Lodge N^o 51, and by divers Brethren, agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 121.

A Petition was read from a Number of Brethren praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the City of New Orleans, Territory of Orleans, to be named “Harmony Lodge,” and that Bro^r. Maunsell White might be Named W. Master; Bro^r. Christopher Elliott, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. James Hopkins, Junior Warden, of the same. Which Petition being in due Form, and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 122.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Craft be invited to a Grand Masonic Festival to be held on St John's Day next at the New Hall. That a Committee of Arrangement of Seven Brethren be Appointed to provide the same, with power to issue Tickets of Admission at the price of \$5 each, of which \$3 to be Appropriated towards the said Banquet and the remaining \$2 to be Appropriated towards the Completion of the New Hall. The Grand Master was pleased to Nominate Bro^m Samuel F. Bradford, Walter Kerr, Bayse Newcomb, jun^r, Thomas Elliott, James Harper, jun^r, Samuel Lippincott, T., and George A. Baker as the said Committee, which was Unanimously Agreed to.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 80th November, A. D. 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present :

Bro^r JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r, R. W. Dep^y Grand Master.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Pro Temp.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r, R. W. J. Grand Warden, Pro Temp.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Astley, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Pro Temp.

“ Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Alexander M^cKenzie, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.

“ William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

A sufficient Number of Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of receiving Two Petitions praying for Warrants for holding of Lodges and for the pur-

pose of Constituting a New Lodge to be held in this City under a Warrant granted by this R. W. Grand Lodge at their last Grand Extra Communication.

A Petition was thereupon read from a Number of Ancient York Master Masons residing in and near the Borough of York, in York County, Pennsylvania, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the said Borough of York to be named "St John's Lodge," and that the Rev^d Bro^r John Armstrong might be named W. Master; Bro^r Jacob Kline, Senior Warden, and Bro^r Thomas M^cGrath, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 123.

A Petition was read from divers Ancient York Master Masons residing in and near the Borough of Erie, in the County of Erie, in Pennsylvania, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the said Borough of Erie, and that Bro^r George Buchler might be named W. Master; Bro^r Timothy Tuttle, Senior Warden, and Bro^r John C. Wallace Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due Form and duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, It was, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 124.

The Warrant granted by this R. W. Grand Lodge at their last Grand Extra Communication for holding a Lodge in this City, to be called and known by the Name of "Union Lodge," N^o 121, was read. Whereupon, the Worshipful Master and Wardens named in the said Warrant, and the other Officers elect, were duly Installed into their respective Offices, and the said Lodge fully Constituted in Ancient and Solemn Form.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3^d December, A. D. 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Robert Pullen, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

“ Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq^r. R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 91, 100, 102, 103, 105, 108, 114, 115 and 121 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Grand Extra Communications held since that period were read.

A Letter from Rev^d. Bro^r. George Richards, One of the Grand Chaplains, was read, informing that he is preparing for the Press a Masonic and Literary Work, to be entitled the Free Mason's Magazine and General Miscellany, and requesting Masonic Charges, Orations, &c., &c., from the Archives of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of insertion. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the same be referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

An Obligation which was given by the New Hall Com-

mittee, (in Virtue of Powers from this Grand Lodge,) to the Royal Arch Chapter, N^o. 52, held at Philadelphia on the 1st September, 1809, for the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars, Loaned by said Chapter to this Grand Lodge towards erecting the New Hall, was presented by Bro^r. Thomas Amies, Treasurer of said Chapter, with the following Endorsement thereon, to wit:

“This Bond was Cancelled by a Resolution of the H. R.

“Arch Chapter and the Amount given to the R. W. Grand

“Lodge towards completing the New Masonic Hall.

“Novem^r. 21, 1810. (Sign'd) “THO^s. AMIES.

Which was thankfully received by this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased in an Address to the Grand Lodge to communicate that during the last Summer, Grand Visitations had been made to the different Lodges held in this City and to the Lodges held at Germantown and at Frankford, and that at said Visitations Circular Charges had been delivered by him to the Lodges embracing various topics of Masonic Interest, &c., &c.

Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved Unanimously, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for his said Address to this Grand Lodge and his Circular Charge to the Subordinate Lodges, And that he be respectfully requested to furnish Copies of the same for the purpose of being entered on the Minutes and of publication.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to comply with the said request, and the said Address and Circular Charge are as follows, Viz :

Address.

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
“and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

“The Grand Master respectfully states

“That in the course of the last summer, he in Company
“with the other Grand Officers visited Lodge N^o. 81, held at
“Germantown, and Lodge N^o. 102, held at Frankford, and
“delivered to them various advices on their duties to Masonry
“and to this R. W. Grand Lodge as the fountain of their

“Masonic privileges and the supreme superintendent of their
“Masonic labours and conduct. The Counsels offered to the
“Brethren of these Lodges amongst others, included such as
“resulted from a strict examination of their recorded transac-
“tions performed by Brother Grand Secretary and reported
“to the Grand Master previous to the Grand Visitation made
“to them respectively. The Communications of the Grand
“Officers were received with great satisfaction by the Breth-
“ren, and the most cordial assurances of attachment to the
“Grand Lodge and obedience to its requisitions were tendered
“by each of the above Lodges.

“Although it has been impossible for the Grand Officers to
“visit personally the other Lodges under this Jurisdiction out
“of the City, yet enquiry has been made as to their respective
“situations, and although some of them are in a very pros-
“perous situation, and others of them are believed to be in as
“thriving a state as is usually expected in the Country, where
“population being widely dispersed it is more inconvenient to
“members to attend the meetings, yet it is believed by the
“Grand Master that it would be very expedient to adopt some
“plan by means of which the benefits of annual visitation
“might be extended to the Country Lodges. If the Grand
“Lodge should not find it practicable to form such a plan at
“present, it might be useful for the brother who may fill the
“station of Grand Master during the ensuing year, to address
“a comprehensive charge to those Lodges on such topics as
“more particularly apply to them, to be transmitted under the
“sanction of the Grand Lodge with the other annual com-
“munications.

“The two lodges N^o. 93 and N^o. 112, under the Jurisdiction
“of this Grand Lodge at New Orleans, having intimated a de-
“sire to be favoured with a visit from some brother properly au-
“thorized for the purpose, the Grand Master deputed Brother
“Richard Tice to perform that service. From his written re-
“port it appears that he visited N^o. 93, But the Officers and
“members of N^o. 112 being chiefly absent from New Orleans
“during his stay, he was obliged to postpone his visitation to
“said Lodge until his next voyage to that place. The Grant

“recently made of these New Warrants for Lodges at New Orleans must give a great spring to the spirit of Masonry there, and prove highly favourable to the extension of the Character and respectability of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

“The Lodges in the City have during the past Year, as heretofore, been objects of the Grand Master’s special care and attention. From them it may be reasonably expected, more distant lodges may take their tone and spirit as well as their mode of working. If they are flourishing and prosperous, well principled and harmonious, orderly and skilful, obedient and submissive under the proper exercise of legitimate authority, their example will be likely to have a most extensive and beneficial influence upon the whole fraternity under our cognizance, Whereas should the City Lodges become faint and declining, corrupted, unprincipled and disunited, disorderly in their work and careless of discipline over their members, disobedient and restive under the unavoidable corrections and Counsels of the Supreme head, the contagion would soon spread, and a malady of the most destructive nature would ere long pervade the whole Masonic body under our Jurisdiction.

“Under these impressions the Grand Master and his Officers in the Month of September last, went through a laborious tour of visitation to all the Lodges in this City, except N^o 73, the visitation to which is shortly to take place. The book of transactions of each Lodge was, as heretofore, submitted to the deliberate scrutiny of the Grand Secretary, who exhibited in the discharge of this important duty the same firmness and impartiality, unmingled with any mixture of undue censoriousness, which the Grand Master has on former occasions with great pleasure applauded, and which contributes in so material a manner to increase the utility of these annual visitations.

“The explanatory remarks of the Grand Master on the reading of these reports in each Lodge, and their entry upon their minutes, it is hoped will eventually produce a uniformity and beauty in the records of our society eminently conducive to its welfare. A Circular charge embracing var-

ious topics of Masonic interest was also read by the Grand Master, and received with apparent feeling and attention by the brethren who on the occasions now referred to, as heretofore, manifested all those good dispositions which ought always to be characteristic of the professors of our noble art.

Upon the whole, progressive improvement in all, and the most conspicuous advances in some of the City Lodges are clearly discoverable, and the increase of New Members during the past year is beyond all former example. If we connect with these pleasing manifestations of our prosperity, the circumstances of the late frequency of applications for New Warrants, and the alacrity and liberality of many of the Lodges and Individual Brethren in their contributions to the erection of the New Hall, we may safely pronounce the present situation of the Grand and subordinate Lodges to be such as will bear a comparison with those of any of our Sister states.

The Grand Master cannot close the present report without tendering to the Brethren his sincere congratulations on this auspicious posture of their Affairs, and inviting them to a continuance in the same laudable path of duty by which it has been produced. Nothing but the prevalence of universal harmony and confidence and an undivided union in the promotion of one great object, totally divested of the influence of selfish feelings, and all the discordant passions of our nature, could have raised us to our present respectable rank in the Masonic world.

Nothing, (if we continue to be blessed with the smiles of a benignant providence,) can hurl us from it, but a departure from our principles, the introduction of a spirit of faction and disunion, and an abandonment of that commendable course of action so long and so happily maintained amongst us.

From all such evils may our supreme Grand Master still afford us his beneficent protection, and at the ensuing annual commemoration of the festival of our holy Patron St. John, within the Walls of our New Temple may there be exhibited such an assemblage of the Craft as the like occasion

"has not heretofore been witnessed. May true fellowship and
 "brotherly love inspire the heart of every faithful Mason who
 "becomes our associate on that day, and may our enjoyments
 "be increased by the pleasing anticipation of those we are yet
 "to share, when our great undertaking shall have progressed
 "to its conclusion, and we are enabled with uplifted hands
 "and hearts to consecrate this magnificent edifice to the
 "honour of the Glory of the Great Architect of Universal
 "Nature. "JAMES MILNOR."

Circular Address

Delivered by James Milnor, Esq^r. Right Worshipful Grand Master, to the subordinate Lodges in the City at the Grand Visitations in September, 1810.

"My respected Brethren :

"While the transatlantic world is ruinously employed in
 "wasting its inhabitants and draining its resources in pro-
 "tracted and destructive wars, how inestimably favoured by
 "the benedictions of the Almighty Architecture and ruler
 "of the Universe, should we as Citizens, but much more as
 "Masons, consider ourselves in the continued preservation of
 "the peace of our Country, the possession of civil liberty
 "under the protection of a mild Government of our own
 "choice, and surrounded by all the means of rational enjoy-
 "ment.

"For although amid the din of arms, intestine commotions,
 "and the revolutions of Empires, the sacred banners of Free
 "Masonry have in all ages been respected, and in the hands
 "of the genius of humanity have often assuaged the horrors
 "of massacre and bloodshed, yet is it under the peaceful reign
 "of quiet and tranquility that she desires to dwell.

"In times of National, as well as of individual difficulty and
 "distress, she shrinks not from the kindly offices of concilia-
 "tion and beneficence, but she does not find in civil broils and
 "tumults, nor in the distraction of governmental councils, nor
 "in the contests of nations, the natural sphere for the exercise
 "of her innocent and useful institutions. Taking no part in
 "the disastrous contentions of mankind, except to mitigate

“their fury and heal the wounds which they occasion, it is in
“the bosom of peace she delights to instruct her votaries, to
“administer to them well regulated enjoyments, and to direct
“them to those Offices of active benevolence which in the best
“state of human society are required from man to man.

“It was therefore natural to expect that in such a clime as
“ours, Masonry should partake in the general prosperity and
“improvement. This expectation has been happily realized.

“In each member of our political association the noble art
“is practised and encouraged. Scarcely is a new state added
“to the union until the number of Lodges within its borders
“has so increased as to render necessary, the superintendance
“of a Grand Lodge, with all of which, that of our own State
“keeps up an unremitted fraternal correspondence.

“We are enabled by this means now to congratulate you
“and the whole fraternity on the general well being of the
“Craft. It has grown with the nations’s growth and strength-
“ened with her strength. Its ramifications are co-extensive
“with our territorial limits, and the principles of the order
“are more and more the study and the practice of its members.

“In this City the revival of masonic zeal, which we had
“occasion to applaud several years ago, has continued with a
“vast increase of ardour, and been attended with the most
“pleasing results.

“The number of our members has increased during the last
“and present years beyond our most sanguine expectations,
“and we have great pleasure in believing that the additions
“are of such, as will equally promote the internal improve-
“ment of our lodges, and the reputation of the society in the
“world. Indeed we have already seen much of the prejudice,
“which serious and well disposed persons entertained on this
“subject happily removed, and we have little hesitation in
“advancing our firm conviction that on ourselves it depends,
“not only to preserve the good opinion of our present friends,
“but to acquire that of others, and by these means progres-
“sively to extend the benefits of these valuable associations.
“Nor should we estimate lightly the sentiments which the re-
“spectable part of our fellow Citizens hold towards us. From

“ them, without descending to personal importunity and persuasion, and disdaining every artifice to induce a union with us, we should calculate on receiving continued accessions of members, and even with regard to such whose circumstances or whose inclinations do not admit of their possessing that advantage, a just pride of character will always induce us to desire their approbation and good will.

“ We should review the great increase of our Society with little satisfaction, did we not find ourselves Justified in bearing testimony to many other exhilarating circumstances which have attended it. Several practices in our lodges, the subjects of former censure and animadversion have totally disappeared ; others have sensibly diminished, and amongst the brethren of this City there never was manifested a more eager desire to become expert in the work of the Craft, orderly in the conduct of business, submissive to the exercise of the just authority of their Officers, attentive to the decency and beauty of the ornaments of the order, and exemplary in the whole round of Masonic deportment and behaviour.

“ In conveying to you, who are the subjects of it, this well merited commendation, we mean not to flatter you, nor would we be understood as encouraging a belief that we have attained the summit of improvement. Much good has been done. Much remains to be done. The perfection of the system of amelioration rests with you and with us, and from what has been already effected, we derive the most encouraging hopes for the future.

“ There is not a member in our society who may not be useful in his allotted station. We know the force of example, and however obscure any individual may appear, we assure him that his conduct either promotes or injures the cause to which he has pledged his support.

“ How strong an inducement does this suggestion furnish for the utmost circumspection and care on the part of every member? As an evidence of the elevated rank to which our institution has arisen in public estimation, might be mentioned the readiness with which, in the course of less than

“two hours, the sum of forty thousand dollars was subscribed
“to the loan effected for the completion of the New Hall,
“and this chiefly by gentlemen wholly unconnected with
“Masonry. The completion of that noble edifice, and the re-
“demption of the loan with which we have been assisted, are
“at present objects of the highest importance. We introduce
“the subject for the purpose of preserving in Activity, that zeal
“that prompted to the undertaking, and on the effects of which
“it must depend for its final accomplishment.

“Some brethren have not yet enrolled themselves in the
“honourable list of contributors, a few have omitted the dis-
“charge of the Sums they have subscribed, and many have
“been led into remissness by a mistaken supposition that the
“energetic and salutary measures pursued by the Grand Lodge,
“have superceded the necessity of their personal aid. It is
“our duty to correct this error. We have been aided by a
“Loan, that connected with our own resources has supplied us
“with the means of progressing rapidly in the construction of
“this magnificent monument of Masonic enterprise, but we are
“subjected thereby to the payment of a heavy interest, and
“our property and faith are solemnly pledged for the repay-
“ment of the principal. Such is also the extent of the under-
“taking, that it is now ascertained that further funds will be
“requisite to finish it in a desirable stile of external elegance
“and internal beauty and convenience. We therefore con-
“sider it a prominent duty of this visitation to appeal as well
“to the Masonic fidelity and attachment of the Lodges for
“their Assistance, as to the liberality of the brethren for their
“private advances and their personal influence and exertion.
“We plead for no advantage to the Grand Lodge in which
“every subordinate lodge, and every brother is not a sharer.

“The common benefit should be effected by an undivided
“union of exertion, and if your views are carried forward to
“the contemplation of the grandeur and respectability of the
“Society, administering its functions in an unincumbered
“temple of its own, unequalled in beauty and convenience by
“any edifice of the kind in our Country, where is the Mason
“so poor, either in Spirit or in purse, who will not with
“alacrity contribute what his means may afford?

“ Amidst the several topics of congratulation to which we
“ have alluded, it is a singular addition to our pleasure in
“ their communication that we find so little to reprehend in
“ our several lodges. We have in some, however, to recom-
“ mend still more care and caution in the admission to mem-
“ bership, and in the selection of the Officers of the Lodge.
“ Known vices in the individual proposed, should form a con-
“ clusive reason for an unhesitating rejection of his applica-
“ tion. With all the improvement, the means of which our
“ Society furnish, it is never safe to trust to the experiment of
“ transforming a bad man and a vicious member of the com-
“ munity, into a good mason and virtuous supporter of the
“ principles of our order.

“ With respect to the Offices of the lodge, and more particu-
“ larly the Chief, if incapable or negligent men are chosen to
“ fill them, the experience of want of order in the transaction
“ of business, and of skill in the administration of our myster-
“ ies, will induce a lassitude on the part of the members, first
“ occasioning the absence of many from the meetings, and
“ ending in actual secessions from the Lodge. An expert and
“ industrious workmen at the head of the work has the same
“ invigorating effect in free, as in operative Masonry.

“ An ignorant or an indolent master will drive away from
“ his operations the skilful and ambitious, and impart the
“ tinge of his own character to all who have patience to attend
“ him.

“ Connected with this subject is the duty of each member to
“ become well acquainted with the work of the Craft, that he
“ may qualify himself for an honourable admission to visit in
“ all lodges, discern the beauties of our order that lie hid from
“ vulgar eyes, and prepare himself for the honours which may
“ await them. We would particularly press this duty upon
“ members whose education and talents authorize them to
“ anticipate advancement by their brethren.

“ Without desiring to encourage too restless an anxiety for
“ promotion which generally ends in disappointment, we
“ would almost venture to assure the modest and intelligent
“ aspirer after masonic elevation, that his brethren will not be

“blind to his merits, but that an ultimate reward will assuredly follow his endeavours. Should untoward circumstances of any kind occur to frustrate his hopes, he will at least enjoy the satisfaction of having done his duty, and of deserving, though he could not command success. We will not trespass upon your time by a repetition of the advices heretofore offered you. The charges of former years are in possession of the Lodge, and such brethren who had not an opportunity of hearing them delivered at the former visitations may, if they see proper, give them a candid perusal.

“We trust the principles and practices they recommend or enjoin are congenial with the genuine spirit of masonry, and although we have not the vanity to suppose that the improved state of the Craft has resulted from them, or any other work of ours, yet we rejoice at the happy coincidence we perceive between the precepts they contain and the conduct of the brethren.

“Much labour in the Article of instruction is saved by the very nature of our institution. For as a well assorted garden furnishes, in every walk, the varied means of gratifying the senses, so does the Lodge in all its compartments continually present to the beholder, objects of intellectual pleasure and improvement.

“The Jewells and clothing that decorates our persons, the symbols of Masonry dispersed about the lodge, the administration of our solemn rites, the lectures appurtenant to each successive advancement, and above all the sacred oracles of divine revelation, constantly held up as the grand cement of our union, the rule of our faith and the guide of our conduct, all combine to constitute this place a school of Wisdom and of Morals. May we all be made wiser and better by the lessons here taught us. May we never depart from the plumbline of rectitude, or the level of propriety, but, illumined by the first great light of Masonry, may we invariably be found walking within the compass and acting upon the square. May rational and pure religion, unblemished by the ravings of enthusiasm, untinged by the pride of superstition, Morality, liberal, enlightened, social Charity,

“ Active in the search of objects, generous in its extent, delicate
 “ and feeling in its bestowments, Brotherly love unchecked
 “ by the differences of party or of sect, and Zeal and industry
 “ and every good undertaking,—May these be the character-
 “ istics of every member of our order. So shall we find a
 “ sweet recompense in the mutual approbation of each other
 “ and of our own consciences, in the opinion of mankind, and
 “ in what far outweighs all other considerations, the acceptance
 “ of the great Master builder, to whom we know we must give
 “ an Account of all our works and labours in this terrestrial
 “ Lodge.
 “ JAMES MILNOR.”

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, for holding the Election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Election. The Grand Lodge did thereupon proceed to the Election, when

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r. Counsellor at Law and a Member Elect of the Congress of the United States, from the State of Pennsylvania, was duly Re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. Sworn Interpreter of Foreign Languages, Conveyancer, &c., &c., was duly Re-elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Richard Tybout, Hat Manufacturer, was duly Re-elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

‘ Joseph Burden, Windsor Chair Manufacturer, was duly Re-elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, Conveyancer, and Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia, was duly Re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, Printer and Book seller, was duly Re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Committee respecting the Masonic Festival Reported That the Tickets of Admission were Signed by Bro^r. Baker as Secretary to the said Committee, and were ready for delivery.

That they had Resolved that the Secretary deliver them to the Members of said Committee and to the Masters of Lodges, taking Receipts for the same, to be Accounted for to the Committee, and that all Tickets not returned be paid for by the Brother who should receive them. That in Order to ascertain the Number of Brethren to be provided for at the Banquet, it be recommended to the Brethren to supply themselves with Tickets by the 20th Instant, and that the Masters of Lodges be requested to make Return to the said Committee at that Time of the Number of Tickets sold by them.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the First Monday in January next.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

St. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Thursday, 27th December, A. D. 1810.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro^r. JAMES MILNOR, Esq^r. R. W. Grand Master.

" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r. R. W. Dep^y. G. Master.

Rev^d. Bro^r. George Richards, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

Bro^r. Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. Deputy Grand Secretary.

" Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.

" Robert Pullen, Grand Sword Bearer.

" John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

" Frederick Wolbert, Esq^r. R. W. Past Deputy Grand
Mas^r.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 43, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 91, 103, 105, 108, 114, 115 and 121 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

Bro^r. Doct^r. John Crawford, R. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland was announced.

Whereupon, he was received with the Masonic Honours due to his Exalted Station and conducted to a seat.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read, and thereupon the Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective Offices in Ancient and Solemn Form, to wit :

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esq^r.. R. W. Grand Master.

“ Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r.. R. W. D. G. Master.

“ Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit :

Bro^r. Walter Kerr, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Thomas Elliott, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev^d. Bro^r. George Richards, }

“ “ William Rogers, }

“ “ John Andrews, }

“ “ George Potts, }

Grand Chaplains.

Bro^r Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.

“ John Darragh, }

“ Robert Pullen, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Andrew M. Prevost, Grand Marshal.

“ John Phillips, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneyder, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz :

Bro^r. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq^r.. }

“ Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r.. }

“ Samuel F. Bradford, }

Committee of Correspondence.

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| Bro ^r . Thomas Hennessy, Esq ^r . | } | Committee of Accounts. |
| " William M ^c Cullagh, | | |
| " William Page, | | |
| " Frederick Wolbert, Esq ^r . | } | Committee to examine the
Bye Laws of the Sub-
ordinate Lodges as the
same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge. |
| " Robert Pullen, | | |
| " Robert Poalk, | | |
| " Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq ^r . | } | Committee to ex-
amine the trans-
actions of the
past year and select for publication. |
| " Thomas Hennessy, Esq ^r . | | |
| " William M ^c Cullagh, | | |
| Bro ^r . Vincent Ducomb, | } | Hall Committee. |
| " Frederick Erringer, Esq ^r . | | |
| " Samuel Lippincott, T., | | |
| " Frederick Wolbert, Esq ^r for the
Northern Liberties, | } | Recommenders of
Objects to the
Philadelphia
Dispensary. |
| " George A. Baker, for the City, | | |
| " Daniel Bussier, Esq ^r for South-
wark, | | |

Brother Grand Secretary stated that he had re-appointed Bro^r. Thomas Hennessy, Esq^r. Deputy Grand Secretary for the ensuing Year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the Appointment. Whereupon, the same was Unanimously Approved.

The Petition of divers Ancient York Master Masons was read, stating that they are all Germans by Birth, and do not possess a perfect knowledge of the English Language, by reason whereof they do not derive that Benefit in an English Lodge which they could derive in a Lodge whose Labours are carried on in the German Language, therefore praying this Grand Lodge to grant them a Warrant for holding a New Lodge, in the City of Philadelphia, to be called "Herman's Lodge," and that Bro^r. Christian Sheetz, Esq^r. might be named Worshipful Master; Bro^r. Jacob Belsterling, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. John Christopher Lindenmuth, Junior Warden of the same. And also, praying for permission to carry on the Labours of the said Lodge in the German Language. Which Petition being duly recommended by Concordia Lodge, N^o. 67,

held at Philadelphia (of which Lodge most of the Petitioners had been Members), It was, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Prayers of the said Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 125.

A Letter was read from Lodge N^o. 69, inclosing their Election Return, and stating that not having at present a sufficient Number of Past Masters to Instal the Master Elect, he was coming on to Philadelphia for the purpose of being installed.

The Election Return was thereupon read, return^s the following Brethren as the Officers elected, Viz: Bro^r. John Macky, W. M^r. ; Bro^r. Samuel Blanchard, S. W. ; Bro^r. Joseph T. John, J. W. ; Bro^r. , Secretary ; Bro^r. Joseph Engle, Treasurer.

Whereupon, Bro^r. Macky was duly Installed W. Master of Lodge N^o. 69, held in the Borough of Chester.

A Communication was received from Lodge N^o. 2, held at Philadelphia, informing of their having granted the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars as a Donation towards completing the New Hall.

A Communication was received from Lodge N^o. 51, held at Philadelphia, informing of their having granted the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars as a Donation for the above purpose.

A Communication was received from Concordia Lodge N^o. 67, held at Philadelphia informing of their having granted the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars as a Donation for the above purpose.

Grand General Communication closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock at Noon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

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