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Dear Sir: and Brothers; I have the honor and the pleasure to inform you that I arrived home from Europe all safe and had a most delightful time. Had I been President of the United States or a Prince of a foreign country, I could not have been treated better. The Masonic Convention that was held at Luxemburg Europe, November 4th, 1912 was largely attended by prominent mason from all part of Europe. I visited many of the old Masonic Lodges in France, Germany, England, Holland, Belgium, and Luxemburg Europe and was received and acknowledged and recognized by all of the Lodges and Brethren that I visited We established our legitimacy and regularity and legality, of Freemasonry from the First to the Thirty Third Degree. And in every department of Freemasonry that we represented to every body of Masons in Europe and that settles that matter for all time to come.

The Masonic Convention at Luxemburg held November 4th, 1912 unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing as regular and legal the following colored Grand Lodges of Masons in the United States. Grand Lodge of Florida of which Bro. S. P. Pratt is Grand Master and Bro. J. M. Maddox Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Illinois, Bro. John G. Jones Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alabama, Bro. J. H. McGehee, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New York, Bro. J. J. Burnell Grand Master, Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, Bro. H. C. Scott Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bro. H. T. Broadus Grand Master, Grand Lodge of California, Bro. R. J. Fletcher Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Bro. J. C. White Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, Bro. Charles L. Mitchell Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arkansas, Bro. R. Amos Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Bro. W. E. Reed Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Bro. William T. Grant Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Bro. John L. Gordan Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Bro. James T. Logan Grand Master.

The Masonic Convention at Luxemburg Europe, knocked out completely the old system that has been handed down to us by prejudiced white masons in the United States for many years, and that is

States have held that there could not be but only one regular and legal Grand Lodge, of Masons in a state of the District of Columbia, the Masonic Convention tore and blew that old theory and system all to pieces, they adopted a law and held that there can be a white Grand Lodge of Masons and one legal colored Grand Lodge of Masons in one state or the District of Columbia and that the white Grand Lodge of Masons in a State or District of Columbia can recognize and affiliate with a Grand Lodge of colored Masons in the same State or District of Columbia, and both the colored Grand Lodge and the white Grand Lodge in such State or District of Columbia are both regular and genuine Grand Lodge of Masons they also held that there cannot be two regular and legal Grand Lodges of colored Masons in one state or the District of Columbia. The holding and upholding of the law that there can be one legal Grand Lodge of colored Masons in one state territory or the District of Columbia met the approval of every delegate in the Convention from all parts of Europe and also the white delegate that were present from Masonic Grand Lodges of the United States. The Masonic Law that was to be adopted at the Masonic Convention in Luxemburg Europe, was some years ago introduced in the white Masonic Grand Lodge of Ohio, and the white Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Washington, the white Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota, the white Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa and the white Masonic Grand Lodge of Illinois, and various other Grand Lodges in the United States it came very near passing but was defeated by a small minority, at the Masonic meeting in Luxemburg an international Masonic Committee was elected and the following committees was elected in the United States to write up and report on the origin and regularity and legality of each colored Grand Lodge of Masons in the United States of America and Canada, so the matter will be finally put and settled for all time to come throughout the world as to which is the regular and genuine and lawful Grand Lodge of colored Masons in each State and Territory and District of Columbia and Canada, in the United States of America and Canada. And one of the things that the adopted at the Masonic Meeting and incorporated in the power of this committee, and that is

or Grand Lodge, or any body of Masons cannot write upon communicate with any of the grand bodies of Masons in the world concerning their origin or regularity except that it is and has been done and accomplished by the committee that has been appointed in the United States for the purpose and that puts an end to all controversies all along those lines. Bro. J. J. Burnell of New York City, was elected vice chairman of the International Masonic Committee for the United States of America and Canada, the following committee was elected for the United States of America and Canada to write up and present the origin, history and regularity or irregularity of every Grand Lodge of colored Masons in the United States of America and Canada. Bro. J. J. Burnell of New York City, was elected and in charge of the following states, to write up and report on the history regularity or irregularity of the Grand Lodges in the following states. The State of New York, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland, and Virginia. Bro. J. C. White was elected one of the committee to write up the history regularity or irregularity of the Grand Lodges in the following States, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Vermont. Bro. William T. Grant of New Orleans La., was elected a member of the committee to write up the origin and history regularity and irregularity of the Grand Lodges in the States of Louisiana, North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, New Mexico, Missouri, Alabama, and Oklahoma. Bro. John G. Jones of Chicago, was elected a member of the committee to write up the origin history, regularity or irregularity of the Grand Lodges in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Nebraska, California, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Minnesota, Iowa, Utah, Nevada, Wisconsin, Kansas, and Michigan, and Canada. There are many important things concerning Freemasonry and the way the practice Freemasonry in foreign countries is very much different in many respects. Particularly, in Lodge Room from the way we practice it in the United States.

Yours fraternally
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SWEEPING VICTORY

For the Legal Masons in the United States of AMERICA

The decision rendered by Chief Justice Shepard of the Court of Appeals of Washington, D. C., United States of America, February 1st 1910, now brings the long bitterly contested law-suit that has been in the court nearly four years between the two colored Grand Lodges of Masons at Washington, D. C., at an end throughout the United States.

W. H. Grimshaw, W. H. Meyers, F. C. Bailey, and their associates of the bogus Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington, D. C., were defeated and routed at every point by the decision of the Court of Appeals of Washington, D. C., by an opinion rendered by Chief Justice Shepard of the Courts of Appeals February 1st 1910, sustaining the legality of the lawful, legal and regular M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. and A. Masons of Washington, D. C., of which H. C. Scott is Grand Master, and the Most Worshipful St. John's Grand Lodge A. F. and A. Masons of Illinois of which John G. Jones of Chicago is Grand Master; and the Most Worshipful St. Andrew Grand Lodge A. F. and A. Masons of Louisiana of which W. T. Grant of New Orleans is Grand Master, wins their case from the court that was filed by Grimshaw, Grand Master of the bogus Prince Hall Masons. Court of Appeals dismisses the cross-bill and all its complaints and requests contained therein and so rules that Grimshaw, Grand Master of the bogus Prince Hall Grand Lodge should pay to Hon. H. C. Scott, Grand Master of the regular and legal Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Washington, D. C., half of the cost of the court. Court so ruled that the effect of opinion that the legality, of the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. and A. Masons of which H. C. Scott is Grand Master, and incorporated under the laws of Washington, D. C., and all of its sister Grand Lodges and subordinates are recognized.

The decision rendered by Judge Wright, Nov. 11th, 1908, against H. C. Scott was reversed and set aside by the Courts of Appeals.

The Court of Appeals so ruled that the decision rendered by Judge Wright was an error and unwise, and that in his decision to do indirectly what could not be done directly, as it is impossible to put out of existence or prevent the lawful, regular and legal Grand Lodge of which H. C. Scott is Grand Master, and the sister Grand Lodges and their subordinates and associates from operating in the United States, but the opinion of the higher and greater Court reversed this unwise and erroneous decision of the lower Court, this saying its act (though not in words) that this body known as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia having received its Warrant of Constitution from the white Grand Lodge A. F. and A. Masons of the Republic of Roumania, and incorporated by an Act of the United States Congress 1896, as well as its Subordinates and affiliating Grand Lodges by whatever name known or style have legitimate existence, a right to be, and to carry on their legitimate business and to go forth unmolested and unrestrained and undisturbed by the bogus Prince Hall Grand Lodge, or any other unlawful body of clandestine Free Masons, and to continue its acts of charity and humanitarianism which it purposes to do with increased vigor, practicing the principles and tenets of the Order with love and charity all mankind and the opinion of the Respectful Chief Justice Shepard,—see the Evening Star Newspaper of Washington, D. C., of Feb. 1st, 1910, and the Court Record of the Court of Appeals No. 2007. It is very gratifying to the fifty thousand legitimate and regular colored Masons in the United States to know that they have at last triumphed and won out, and that the Warrant of Constitution which H. C. Scott, Grand Master of the legitimate and regular Masons of Washington, D. C., received from the white Grand Lodge A. F. and A. Masons of the Republic of Roumania stood the test before the Court of Appeals was sustained before the Court of Appeals and legal masonic doctrine that they are right and are a legal body of Free Masons.

The decision of the Court of Appeals now brings W. H. Grimshaw, W. H. Meyers, F. C. Bailey and those identified and associated with them, especially John G. Lewis, Grand Master of the bogus Eureka Grand Lodge of Louisiana are disappointed and come to grief by the decision rendered by the Court of Appeals against the irregular and bogus Prince Hall faction from which Lewis and Grimshaw received their warrant of Constitution from the National Compact and the National Compact originated from Prince Hall. England has said over and over again that they never made Prince Hall a mason and neither did they grant any warrant to African Lodge No. 459 that was organized June 24th, 1791, at Boston, Mass., so it is as the Court says that they are nothing but a voluntary, self constituted, so-called set of masons and have no legitimate standard since March 6th, 1775, down to this present date.

The decision has been a fatal blow to the illegitimate and unlawful faction of the followers of the Prince Hall and old compact negro masons in this country. They have been a source of annoyance to the legitimate and regular Lodges and Grand Lodges of colored Masons all over this country for some time. These Prince Hall factions and old National Compact Masons of Boston, Mass., Washington, D. C., Texas, Louisiana and elsewhere have for some time filled the country with pamphlets and circulars which have been full of misrepresentations.

H. C. Scott, Grand Master, N. F. Henry; Grand Secretary of the regular and lawful Grand Lodge of colored Masons in the District of Columbia, with John G. Jones, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful St. John's Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of the State of Illinois, and W. T. Grant, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful St. Andrew Grand Lodge A. F. and A. Masons of Louisiana and their associates, together with fifty thousand colored Masons in the United States win out in the case by having a legal Warrant of Constitution granted by the white Grand Lodge A. F. and A. Masons of the Republic of Roumania.

Mr. William M. Allison and Mr. Charles Kergwin, two of the most learned and brilliant lawyers at the bar in Washington, D. C., represented Mr. H. C. Scott, Grand Master of the regular and legitimate Grand Lodge of Masons in the District of Columbia. Mr. Scott and the rest of the brethren in Washington, D. C., and throughout the country that stood with him are to be congratulated for having the courage and determination to have carried their case to the Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia, thereby securing a favorable decision for them.