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M A S O N A R Y.

LAST Saturday, being the festival of St. John the Evangelist, the Grand Lodge of free and accepted *ancient* Masons established in this state (according to the old constitution revived by Prince Edwin, at York, in the kingdom of England, in the year of our Lord 926, and of Masonary 4926) met in their Lodge-Room at the house of brother M'Crady, at nine o'clock, A. M. when the following brethren were installed Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.

The Hon. and Right Worshipful William Drayton, Esq. Grand Master.

The Hon. and Right Worshipful Brigadier General Mordecai Gill, Esq. Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful T. B. Bowen, Esq. Senior Grand Warden.

The Right Worshipful John Mitchell, Esq. Junior Grand Warden.

The Right Worshipful Mr. Robert Knox, Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful Mr. Alexander Alexander, Grand Secretary.

The Brethren of the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, being assembled, and joined by the Sublime Lodge of Perfection, the whole masonic body then formed in the following order, and walked in procession to St. Michael's church, where an excellent sermon, suitable to the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Purcell, Chaplain to the Grand Lodge.

ORDER of PROCESSION.

1. The Grand Tyler, bearing the flaming sword.
2. Two Deacons with wands.
3. Twelve Brethren as fellow crafts, two and two.
4. The Stewards of the Grand Feast, two and two.
5. The Grand Pursuivant, bearing the grand sword.
6. The Five Orders, two, one, and two.
7. The Holy Bible, with the Square and Compass thereon, and the book

of Constitutions, each borne on a cushion, and carried by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

8. The Grand Chaplain.
9. Two Grand Deacons with wands.
10. Right Worshipful GRAND MASTER.
11. The two Grand Wardens, bearing the proper pillars.
12. Two Deacons with wands.
13. Past Masters. 14. Present Masters. 15. Senior Wardens. 16. Junior Wardens. 17. Secretaries. 18. Treasurers of the different lodges under the jurisdiction, according to seniority, two and two.
19. Visiting Brethren, two and two.
20. Members of Lodges, two and two.
21. Sublime Lodge of Perfection in their order of procession, viz.—
 1. Grand Sword—2. Three Candlesticks, nine branches each—
 3. Members—4. Grand Treasurer, with case of instruments—5. Grand Secretary, with the constitution—
 6. Grand Master of Ceremony—
 7. Senior Grand Warden—8. Junior Grand Warden—9. Grand Orator, with the treaty—10. Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, with sceptres.—11. Captain of the Guards—12. Drawn Sword and Shield of Council—13. Branch of the Council—14. Eldest Counsellor—15. Members of the Council—16. Bible and Cushion—
 17. Inspectors—18. Two Sword Bearers.
22. Deacons.
23. Tylers.

Divine service ended, the brethren returned in the same order to the Lodge Room, where the Grand Master delivered an excellent charge, after which the brethren dined together, and the Lodge was closed in harmony and brotherly love.

In the English monthly review for April, 1788, after reviewing the second volume of Dr. Adams's 'Defence of the Constitutions of the United States of America,' the reviewers add—

'Dr. Adams, we cannot doubt, has been actuated by a desire to serve his native country by his labours, and we hope his countrymen will entertain a grateful sense of their obligations to

him for his continued exertions in their behalf. We sincerely pray that their councils may be so directed, as to enable them ultimately to adopt that form of government which is best fitted to their situation and circumstances, and which shall tend in the most effectual manner to preserve the liberty of the citizens, and promote the general prosperity of the states.'

The exportation of rum and spirits from the British West-India islands to the United States of North-America, is prohibited by a late order of the British government; a vessel that was loaded with rum about the end of September last, bound for New-York, was obliged to reland the cargo.

It is computed that the Emperor has lost by sickness and the sword, since the commencement of the war with the Ottomans, very near eighty thousand men.

According to the following relation from a person just returned from the Labrador coast, the imitative faculty in monkeys seems to exceed every thing short of human.—A sailor having a number of red woollen caps, &c. to dispose of among the natives, went on shore for that purpose; his way to a settlement lying through a woods very copiously inhabited by the species above-mentioned, and it being mid day, put a cap on his head, and laying the others by his side, he determined upon a little repose under the shade of a plantain tree. To his utter astonishment, when he awoke, from the specimen he had given his imitative observers of the use of his caps, he beheld a number of them upon the heads of the monkeys on the trees, round about him, while the wearers were chattering in an unusual manner. Finding every attempt to regain them fruitless, he at length in a fit of rage and disappointment, and under the supposition the one he retained was not worth taking away, &c. pulled the same from his head, and throwing it upon the ground exclaimed—'here d—n you, take it among ye,' which he had no sooner done, than to his great surprise, the observant monkeys did the same, by which means he regained the greatest part of his property.