

THE PROPERTY OF THE
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF WORCESTERSHIRE

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

MASONIC HALL, Baltimore, May 9, 1859.

To His Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Maryland:

It has been the custom of the Committee of Correspondence to delay the preparation of their report, until a short time before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of procuring all the documents to be examined before completing their review of the semi-annual Correspondence. This custom was introduced in order to enable the committee to arrange the Correspondence either in the alphabetical succession, indicated by the titles of the several jurisdictions, or in accordance with the geographical relations of the Lodges which they are composed. The plan is convenient, and as it commends itself to the favor of our brethren on that account, it is, in some respects, desirable, that the report should continue to be so arranged. But the time spent in preparing the review of the Correspondence, is considerable,—too much to be crowded in among the duties of the last five or six days that immediately precede the semi-annual communications of the Grand Lodge. To do any thing like justice to the deliberations of the brethren of the various jurisdictions composing our correspondence, it is necessary that their proceedings should be carefully examined before any comments in relation to them are recorded. It is in the process of such review, that the literature, the genius, and the law of Masonry, are rendered apparent in the proceedings of the Lodges; that the fraternal character, and brethren of numerous and distant jurisdictions, are not only enlightened by the reflected wisdom of intelligent and experienced brethren, but bound together more closely in that social tie which is the true strength of our Masonic bonds as brethren and friends.

The review of the Correspondence is deemed by the committee to be important, and notwithstanding the labor it involves, they are not willing that its advantages should either be lost or obscured. They propose, therefore, to continue in the omission only of the alphabetical or geographical order of the communications. The convenience of the committee will thus be served in the review of the several documents composing the correspondence of the Grand Lodge as they come to hand. We find that our brethren of other jurisdictions pursue the same course, and doubtless it is for the same purpose. It