

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON,

JULY 25th, 1864.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—

I am commanded by the M.W. GRAND MASTER, the EARL OF ZETLAND, to inform you that it has come to his Lordship's knowledge that a practice has been introduced in some Provinces of making use of certain designations or prefixes to which the subordinate Officers of such Provincial Grand Lodges are not entitled.

With a view to obviate the irregularity for the future, I am directed by the Grand Master to inform you that the prefix of "RIGHT WORSHIPFUL" is accorded to, and is to be used only by, the Deputy Grand Master, the present and past Provincial Grand Masters, and the present and past Grand Wardens of the United Grand Lodge of England. That the prefix of "VERY WORSHIPFUL" is to be used only by the actual and past Grand Chaplains, the actual and past Grand Treasurers, the actual and past Grand Registrars, the actual and past Presidents of the Board of General Purposes, the actual and past Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodge of England, and by no others. That the title or address of "WORSHIPFUL" is to be used by the rest of the present and past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and by the actual or past Masters of Lodges, and that all others are to be styled or designated as "BROTHER" only.

I have the honour to be,

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Your faithful Servant and Brother,

WM. GRAY CLARKE, G.S.

Henry Chas. Vernon, Esq.,

Provincial Grand Master, Worcestershire.