

Scotland – attitude with regard to budding Grand Chapters in the colonies

His opinion of Scotland's attitude with regard to the budding Grand Chapters in the colonies is not what one would characterize as fulsome flattery.

"If the failure of American Grand bodies to recognize these newly formed Grand Lodges and Chapters were fatal to their success or permanence, we should regard such failure as very little short of Masonic criminality, but it is not. A few have already recognized each and all of them, and every year a few others will fall into line until soon a majority of us will be ranged on the right side. Our action can have but little effect any way, perhaps none whatever, on the Scotchman, and he is the fellow who is the cause of all the trouble. England has in nearly all cases we ever knew of played fair. Ireland has even gone to the extent of manifesting real fraternal consideration for her children in the colonies, but Scotland has not a single case in which she ever did right. She is stingy, greedy and stubborn, and never spent a cent for the benefit of her colonial lodges nor surrendered a penny of taxes levied upon them until forced to do so by actual rebellion; and she was just sly enough to get England and Ireland to go into combination with her a few years ago, by which they agreed not to recognize until all three should act together, since when not a single recognition has been effected. "The mills of the gods grind slow, but exceeding fine" ; and in the future, and it may not be as distant as it now seems, right and justice will prevail, and in the day of separation and the erection of a great English-speaking nation in Australia, who shall measure the influence this rank Masonic injustice may have in alienating the colonists from the British government.

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