

every mile they may necessarily travel in going to and returning from the place of the meeting of the national council—to be computed by the nearest mail route—which will be paid out of the treasury of the national council. (November, 1854.)

Rule 10. Each State, district, or territorial council shall be taxed four per cent. per annum for every member in good standing belonging to each subordinate council under its jurisdiction, on the first day of April, which shall be reported to the national council, and paid into the national treasury on or before the first day of the annual session, to be held in June; and on the same day of each succeeding year. And the first fiscal year shall be considered as commencing on the first day of December, 1854, and ending on the 15th day of May, 1855. [November, 1854.]

Rule 11. The following shall be the key to determine and ascertain the purport of any communication that may be addressed to the president of a State, district, or territorial council by the president of the national council, who is hereby instructed to communicate a knowledge of the same to said officers. * * * * *

Rule 12. The clause of the article of the constitution relative to belief in the Supreme Being is obligatory upon every State and subordinate council, as well as upon each individual member. [June, 1854.]

Rule 13. The following shall be the compensation of the officers of this council:

1st. The corresponding secretary shall be paid two thousand dollars per annum from the 17th day of June, 1854.

2d. The treasurer shall be paid five hundred dollars per annum from the 17th day of June, 1854.

3d. The sentinels shall be paid five dollars for every day they may be in attendance on the sittings of the national council,

4th. The chaplain shall be paid one hundred dollars per annum, from the 17th day of June, 1854.

5th. The recording secretary shall be paid five hundred dollars per annum, from the 17th day of June, 1854.

6th. The assistant secretary shall be paid five dollars per day for every day he may be in attendance on the sittings of the national council.

All of which is to be paid out of the national treasury, on the draft of the President. [November, 1854.]

SPECIAL VOTES.

Vote First.—This national council hereby grants to the State of Virginia two State councils—the one to be located in eastern, and the other in western Virginia, the Blue Ridge mountains being the geographical line between the two jurisdictions. [June, 1854.]

Vote Second.—The President shall have power, until the next session of the national council, to grant dispensations for the formation of State, district, or territorial councils, in form most agreeable to his own discretion, upon proper application being made.

Vote Third.—The seats of all delegates to, and members of, the present national council shall be vacated on the first Tuesday in June, 1855, at the hour of six o'clock in the forenoon; and the national council con-