

the Supreme Council at Washington, endorsing and commending the same with all the powerful influence at his command.

Be it further Resolved that the said Committee are empowered and enjoined to communicate with all Lodges of Perfection, Chapters of Rose Croix, Councils of Kadosh and Grand Consistories in China and Japan, bearing allegiance either to the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, or to any other recognized Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, also with such Lodges of Perfection, Chapters of Rose Croix, Councils of Kadosh, Grand Consistories, and Supreme Councils in the United States of America, and in other countries, as may seem to them advisable, requesting their assistance and co-operation. And generally with all diligence and despatch to take such steps in this important matter as shall conduce to the welfare of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in general, and to the good of this Chapter in particular.

Secondly, we refer to the "New Treaty between Japan and Great Britain," signed in London, 16th July, 1894, ratifications exchanged in Tokio, 25th August, 1894; and transcribe the following:

Article XVIII.—Her Britannic Majesty's Government so far as they are concerned give their consent to the following arrangement:

The several foreign settlements in Japan shall be incorporated with the respective Japanese communes, and shall thenceforth form part of the general municipal system of Japan.

Article I.— * * * The subjects of each of the contracting parties shall enjoy in the dominions and possessions of the other entire liberty of conscience, and subject to the laws, ordinances, and regulations, shall enjoy the right of private or public exercise of their worship, and also the right of burying their respective countrymen according to their religious customs, in such suitable and convenient places as may be established and maintained for that purpose. They shall not be compelled, under any pretext whatever, to pay any charges or taxes other or higher than those that are or may be paid by native subjects, or subjects or citizens of the most favored nation.

Article IV.—The dwellings, manufacturies, warehouses and shops of the subjects of the High Contracting parties in the dominions of the other, and all premises appertaining thereto destined for purposes of residence or commerce shall be respected.

It shall not be allowable to proceed to make a search of, or domiciliary visit, to such dwellings and premises, or to examine and inspect books, papers, or accounts except under the conditions and with the forms prescribed by laws, ordinances, and regulations for subjects of the country.