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ations and to titles of Dignitaries and officers; but shall only propose to the Councils other changes in the substance of Rituals, which each Supreme Council shall, for itself, be at liberty to adopt or reject.

ARTICLE VIII.

None of the foregoing articles shall at any time hereafter be abrogated or changed, except upon the proposition of a Congress, and by the assent of three-fourths of the Supreme Councils at the time composing the League.

ARTICLES

*Secondary and Subservient.*

PRÆLOCUTIO.

When the primary and cardinal Articles shall have been accepted by five or more Supreme Councils, the following Articles, and such others as any Council of the League may propose, shall be considered by each Supreme Council composing the League, and such of them as shall be finally settled and accepted, with or without amendment, by two-thirds of all such Councils (or by four, if but five compose it,) shall become Articles and parts of the fundamental Law of the League, and be promulgated as such, by the oldest of the Supreme Councils composing the League.

ARTICLE I.

A Congress of the Supreme Councils composing the League, each present by its Delegate or Delegates, shall sit on the first Monday of September, in every tenth year, beginning with the year 1877. The first Congress shall sit in Edinburgh, in Scotland; and each succeeding one at such place as the one immediately preceding it shall fix. Each Council shall fix the numbers of its own Delegates; but upon all questions each Council shall have but one vote; and no Council shall be represented by any person not a member of itself.

ARTICLE II.

The credentials of each Delegate shall be a certificate of his appointment by the Body, signed by the Sov.' Gr.' Commander and Secretary-General, and sealed with its Great Seal. Each Congress shall have and elect such officers as it may determine upon, establish its own rules, sit upon its own adjournments, and have and exercise such powers as are by these Articles given to it or may hereafter be conferred upon it by the Supreme Councils.

ARTICLE III.

When five Supreme Councils shall have entered into the League, the Congress shall create a Tribunal of Adjudication, to be composed of not less than five nor more than nine Judges, each from a different Supreme Council and designated by itself or its Sov.' Gr.' Commander, each Congress determining by which of the Supreme Councils the members of said Tribunal shall be designated, and which of the members designated shall be the President of the Tribunal; the members so designated serving until the end of the next Congress: and any vacancy