

or irreverently of the Government under which he lives. We are to observe, that the Oracles of God command us to be subject to the higher powers: and that "honor to the King" is there connected with the "fear of God." 1792.

#### *X. Of Days of Fasting.*

A general Fast shall be held in all our Societies the first Friday after Lady Day; after Midsummer-Day; after Michaelmas-Day; and after Christmas-Day.

### RULES RELATING TO THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETIES.

#### *1. Of the Appointment or Change of Stewards and Leaders.*

1 No person shall be appointed a Leader or Society-Steward, or be removed from his office, but in conjunction with a Leaders' Meeting; the nomination to be in the Superintendent, and the approbation or disapprobation in the Leaders' Meeting.

2. As several inconveniencies have arisen respecting the change of Stewards; to remedy this, let it be observed that the office of a Steward ceases at the end of the year; and every Superintendent is required, to change one Steward at least; so that no Steward may be in office above two years together, except in some extraordinary cases.

3. The proper time for changing the Circuit Stewards, is at the Quarterly Meeting, when the Superintendent shall consult all who are present respecting the most proper person or persons to act in that capacity.

4. The place for appointing or changing the Steward of any particular Society, is the Leaders' Meeting of that Society. For, in the general, "No person can be received as a Society-Officer among us, without the consent of that Meeting to which he particularly belongs; nor can any officer be appointed except on the same plan."—Minutes of 1797.

5. The Superintendent of every Circuit shall invite the General Steward of his Circuit to be present at the Annual Meeting of the District Committee, during the settling of every thing relating to the Finances of the District; and every Circuit-Steward shall have a right to be present, and to advise at the settlement of all financial matters. 1801.