

Your Committee believe it would be a bad principle to establish to allow the chairman of a committee, especially in cases of trial, to have a double vote, and would recommend that the decision of the Grand Chancellor be not sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. REID, of No. 3.

JAS. SMITH, " 2.

HARRY MERCER, " 15.

Considerable discussion ensued upon the Report, when, upon motion, the Report was ordered to be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to sustain the decision of the Grand Chancellor.

Representative Fleming, of No. 16, being reported in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, was introduced by the Grand Master-at-Arms and obligated and instructed.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Finance was then, upon motion, ordered to be taken from the table. The question being upon the adoption of the Report, it was, after considerable discussion, not adopted.

G. M. of E. Smith, of No. 2, from the Committee on Law and Supervision, presented the following Report :

#### REPORT No. 9 OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND SUPERVISION.

Your Committee on Law and Supervision, to whom was re-committed our Report No. 8 on the decision given by the Grand Chancellor to Question No. 12, beg leave to report that at the direction of the Grand Lodge we recommend that the decision of the Grand Chancellor be sustained.

While the Committee follow the instructions given by the Grand Lodge in reference to this matter, yet they respectfully beg to dissent from such decision, as the question was asked with other questions in connection with trials, and is contrary to Cushing's Manual, page 12. Further, the Grand Chancellor, in addition to a direct answer, submits a proviso which appears to us to have been taken, though somewhat transposed, from Roberts' Rules of Order, and is quoted by your Committee in their former Report. This does not refer to a chairman having two votes but only one, and that only under certain circumstances.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. REID, of No. 3.

JAS. SMITH, " 2.

The Grand Chancellor ruled all that portion of the Report of the Committee, commencing with the words "While the committee" to the end of the Report out of order, holding that it was the