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WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 11, 1889.*

*L. L. Polk, Pres. National Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: As chairman of the National Executive Board, I address you for a ruling upon the following questions of law:

Is the five cents per capita dues from the State bodies for the present year to be estimated upon the strength of the order in the various States on the first day of October, 1889, or on the first day of October, 1890, and was same due and payable to the National Secretary on the first of November, 1889, or will it not be due till the first day of November, 1890?

My reason for asking this ruling is, that I called the attention of the Supreme Council to the fact that the Executive Board would be called upon to audit accounts for expenses necessary to put the officers at work, and to meet salaries and other expenses authorized by the body, and that there is now no fund on hand to meet same. The body took no formal action, but a number of delegates called out that the annual dues were payable in advance. Hence this request for your ruling.

C. W. MACUNE,  
*Chairman Executive Board.*

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RALEIGH, N. C., *December 14, 1889.*

*C. W. Macune, Chairman Executive Board of the National Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In compliance with your request I submit the following rulings on the questions involved:

*Ruling 1.*—That the per capita tax of five cents imposed by the constitution is to be collected by the various State organizations upon their estimated strength on the first day of October, 1889.

*Ruling 2.*—That the per capita tax of five cents was due and payable to the National Secretary on the first day of November, 1889.

Fraternally,  
L. L. POLK,  
*Prest. N. F. A. and Industrial Union.*

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