

(In Matters that concern the generall Wellfair of the people) to rely on both houses
therefore I recommend this to your Consideration — the practice of running h^{ts}
Over Patowmack in to Virginia (thereby Depriving the Proprietor & the County of their
Just Dues) Deserves some Care to prevent the same for the future —

Gentlemen I have nothing more to say before you but the Dispatch of the publick
affairs thereby putting the Country to the Least Oppence in it: you will Effectually answer
those you represent that they have made a happy choice of — (Ch: Calver:)

Then the house proceeds to the choice of a Clerk — Mr: Tom: is unanimously
Chosen as Clerk — Ordered that John Deales Esq: and Mr: Thom: hart go to the Upper
house to present the said Mr: for his house: the Govern: Approbation and to see him
Qualified — they return and say they see him Qualified — By taking the severalls
Ballis appointed by Act of Assembly and subscribing the same — afterwards the said Mr:
in the house before the honorable James Stoddart Esq: one of the Justices of the Province
Court and a Member of this house took the following Oath of Clerk viz: —
= You doe swear that as Clerk to the Lower house of Assembly you shall true & truly make
= & sell such Matters and things as by the honorable Speaker for the time being and that house
= shall be to you Directed the secrets of the said house you shall not divulge to any person
= of the said house or any Member thereof but shall in all things as Clerk to the said house
= well and truly Demean your self according to the best of your knowledge. So help you god

Thereupon the said Mr: is admitted as Clerk — the house adjourns till two of the
Clock in the afternoon — Post meridiem the house meets according to Adjournment —
Richard Young Gent is appointed Sergeant attendant to this house and Thomas Dundy door
keeper who severally took the Ballis appointed by Act of Assembly and subscribed the
List before James Stoddart Esq: — the Rules of the house read and approved of and ordered to
be set up and Entered as follows — viz: — By the Lower house of Assembly Octob: the 10: 1722

Rules and Orders of the Lower House of Assembly to be observed by the Members
and Others in the said house —

1. That no Burges Deputy or Delegate Member of this house shall use any reviling
Speeches or Name any Member by his proper name but by some other Signification
viz: the Gentleman that spoke last or the like
2. That no member speak above once at the reading of any bill or Debate without leave of
the Speaker and if two persons or more rise up together the Speaker shall appoint who
shall speak first and no Member to interrupt another or speak till the other have Done
3. That none shall Deliver his Opinion or speak sitting to any bill or Debate but
shall stand up and reverently direct his speech to the Speaker
4. That Every bill proposed to the house shall be read three severall Days before it be
Engrosed and that betwixen every reading one day shall be Submitted and that on
the bill to be laid on the Table for the presence of all the Members
unless on very urgent Occasions Mr: Speaker with the Consent of the house shall
Disposse there with, and then one bill being read twice at one sitting shall be
as suff: as if read two severall days & times when so entered in the Books Journal
5. That no person shall come into the house of Assembly whilst the same is sitting with
or other Weapon but shall put the same into the hands of the door keeper or other
person appointed to receive the same upon penactio of the house as shall be proposed
by the Speaker not Exceeding five shillings for any one person — (6)