

You do swear that as clerk to the Lower House of Assembly you shall true & truly make of all such matters and things as by the Shill's Speaker for the time being and that House shall be to you directed and the secrets of the said House you shall not divulge to the prejudice of the said House or any member thereof but shall in all things as clerk to the said House well and truly demean yourself according to the best of your knowledge. So help you God -

Whereupon the said Mich^l is admitted as clerk. The House adjourns till two of the clock in the afternoon -

Postmeridies the House meets according to adjournment. Richard Young Esq^r is appointed Sergeant Attendant to the House and Moses Adney doorkeeper who severally took the oaths appointed by acts of Assembly and subscribed the Test before James Stoddart Esq^r -

The Rules of the House read and approved of and ordered to be set up and entered as follows viz^t

By the Lower House of Assembly Oct. the 10. 1722.

Rules and Orders of the Lower House of Assembly to be observed by the members and others in the said House -

1st 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 dignification viz^t: the Gentleman that spoke last or the like -

2^d That no member speak above once at the reading of any Bill or debate without License 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^d 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 -

4th That every Bill proposed to the House shall be read three severall days before it be Engrossed and that between every reading one day shall be intermitted and that in y^e time the bill to be laid on the Table for the perusal of all the members unless on very urgent Occasion Mr. Speaker wth the consent of the House shall dispence therewith, and then one bill being read twice at one sitting shall be as suff^t as if read two severall days and times when so entered in the Clerks Journall -

5th That no person shall come into the House of Assembly whilst the House is sitting wth sword or other weapon but shall put the same into the hands of the door keeper or other person appointed to receive the same