

T U E S D A Y, October 24, 1758.

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings were Read.

Dr. *Steuart* acquaints Mr. Speaker, That Capt. *Robert Saunders*, and *Andrew Buchanan*, had taken the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, before him; and severally took the following Oath of Office, *viz.*

**Y**OU *Robert Saunders* do swear, that you will faithfully, diligently, and honestly discharge the Office of Serjeant at Arms to the Lower House of Assembly; and that you shall not disclose or reveal the Secrets thereof. So help you God.

**Y**OU *Andrew Buchanan* do swear, that you will faithfully, diligently, and honestly discharge the Office of Door-Keeper to the Lower House of Assembly; and that you shall not disclose or reveal the Secrets thereof. So help you God.

*Ordered*, That the following Rules be observed as such during this Session, *viz.*

1. That no Member of the House shall use any reviling Speeches, or name any Member by his proper Name, otherwise than for Distinction's Sake; but shall rather use some other Signification, as, *The Gentleman that spoke last*, or the like.

2. That no Member speak above once at the Reading of any Bill or Debate, without License of the Speaker and the House; and if Two Persons, or more, shall rise up together, the Speaker shall appoint who shall speak first; and no Member shall interrupt any other, until the Gentleman speaking hath ended.

3. That none shall deliver his Opinion, or speak to any Bill or Debate, unless he shall stand up, and reverently direct his Speech to the Speaker.

4. That every Bill proposed to the House shall be Read Two several Days before it is sent to the Upper House, and once after, before it be Ingrossed, and that between every Reading one Day shall be intermitted; and that in that Time the Bill be laid on the Table, for the Perusal of all the Members; unless, on very urgent Occasions, Mr. Speaker, with the Consent of the House, shall dispense therewith; and then one Bill being Read Twice at one Sitting, shall be as sufficient as if Read several Days, when so entered in the Clerk's Journal.

5. That no Person shall come into the House of Assembly whilst the same is Sitting, with Sword or other Weapon, upon Penalty of such Fine as shall be imposed on them by the Speaker, not exceeding Five Shillings for any Offence.

6. That if any Member, bound to attend this Assembly, shall be absent at the Hours and Place appointed, after the Number of Twelve of the Members, with the Speaker, are met, according to the Order for Sitting, shall be fined according to the Discretion of the Speaker, not exceeding Five Shillings for any Offence; unless upon such lawful Excuse as the Speaker shall admit of.

7. All Misdemeanours which shall happen in the House, shall be censured and fined in the House.

8. That no Bill shall be Read at any Time during this Session, till all the Members in Town be called in; except on some Excuse to be admitted by the Speaker.

9. That if any Member of this House do depart, without Leave from the Honourable Speaker and the House, such Member shall forfeit all his preceding Allowances due to him for his Attendance that Session.

*Resolved Unanimously*, That the following be Entered on the Journal, as the Resolves of this House, *viz.*

*Resolved by the House*, That the Members who are appointed as Members of the Committee of Aggrievances, have likewise the Character of a Committee for Courts of Justice; and that That Character, and the Duty of such Committee, be annexed to the said Committee of Aggrievances, as a standing Part of their Duty. And that it be an Instruction to the said Committee of Courts of Justice, that they observe the Nature of all the Commissions to the several Courts of Judicature within this Province; and that they especially observe any Alterations that may at any Time happen by accidental Omission, or otherwise, therein; and particularly relating to such Words therein, as require the several Judges and Justices to hear, try, and determine, according to the Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, and reasonable Customs of *England* and of this Province, or to such other Words as have Relation thereto; and that they shall immediately make Report to the House of any Alteration that shall at any Time happen in such Commission; and likewise to have Regard, as near as may be, to observe wherein they differ from the Forms of the several Sorts of Commissions to the Judges and Justices in *England*.

*Likewise*