

L. H. J. The Rules of the House read and agreed to Set up and ordered to be Entered as follows Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly

October the 7th 1725

Rules and Orders of the Lower House of Assembly to be observed by the Members and others in the said House.

1. That no Burgess, Deputy or Delegate member of this House, shall use any reviling Speeches, or name any member by his proper name, otherwise than for Distinction Sake, but shall rather use some other Signification viz. The Gent that spoke last or the like.

2^d That no member Speake above once at the reading of any Bill or Debate without Licence of the Speaker and the House and if two persons or more rise up together, the Speaker shall appoint who shall speake first and no member to Interrupt another or Speake till the other have Ended.

3^d That none shall deliver his opinion or speake Sitting to any Bill or Debate but shall stand up and reverently direct his Speech to the Speaker

4th That every Bill propos'd to the House shall be read two Severall Days before it is Sent to the upper House and once after before it be Engrost and that between every reading one day shall be Intermitted and that in that time the Bill be laid on the Table for the perusall of all the Members unless on very urgent occasions, M^r Speaker with the Consent of the House shall Dispencc [there]with, and then one Bill being read twice at one Sitting shall be as Sufficient as if read two Severall days when so Entred in the Clks Journall.

[5th] That no person shall come into the House of Assembly whilst the same is Sitting with Sword or other Weapon, but shall put the same into the hands of the Door keeper or other person appointed to receive the same upon penalty of such fine as shall be imposed on them by the Speaker, not Exceeding five Shillings for any one offence.

p. 200 6th That any Member bound to attend this Assembly that 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 Settling the House; shall be fined according to the discretion of the Speaker not Exceeding five shillings for any one offence unless upon such Lawfull Excuse as the Speaker shall admit of

7th All misdemeanors which shall happen in the House shall be Censured and fined in the House.