

His excellencys speech read. Daniel Dulany esquire from the upper house delivers to M.^r speaker, Sir William Johnsons letters, a petition from sundry indians, with other papers and letters relative thereto, which are severally read and ordered to lie on the table

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
May 25

The house adjourns till to morrow morning 9 o'clock

Thursday May 26.th

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The house met according to adjournment. The members are called and all appear, &c.^a

The proceedings of yesterday are read. M.^r John Ridgley, M.^r John Moale and M.^r Robert Adair, delegates returned for Baltimore County; M.^r Josias Beall jun.^r M.^r William Murdock, delegates returned for Prince Georges County; and M.^r Francis Ware, a delegate returned for Charles County; appeared in the house

Ordered, that M.^r Deye, M.^r Tyler and M.^r Ringgold do go with those gentlemen to the upper house to see them qualified. They return and acquaint M.^r speaker they saw them qualified in the usual manner. The gentlemen took their seats in the house

Ordered that the following rules be observed during this session

1.st That no member of the house shall use any reviling speeches or name any members by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction, as, the gentleman who spoke last, or the like

2.^d That no member speak above once on any debate without license of the house declared by the speaker, 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.^d 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.th That every bill proposed by the house shall be read two several days before it is sent to the upper house; and once after before it be ingross'd; and that between every reading; one day shall be intermitted; and that in that time the bill shall be laid on the table for the perusal of all the members; unless on very urgent occasions, M.^r 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 on the clerks journal

5.th That no person come into the house of assembly while the same is sitting, with sword or other weapon upon penalty of such fine, as shall be imposed on them by the speaker at the discretion of the house

6.th That if any member bound to attend this assembly shall be absent at the hours and place appointed, after the number of twelve