

## OF DECORUM, DEBATE, &amp;c.

*Rule 24.* Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the Chair.

*Rule 25.* No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be sick, or unable to attend.

*Rule 26.* When a member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, uncovered, and respectfully address himself to "*Mr. President.*" He shall confine himself to the question under debate; shall avoid personality, and shall use some other distinction than the proper name of any other member to whom he may refer in debate.

*Rule 27.* If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall determine which shall speak first, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same question; nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

*Rule 28.* If any member shall, in any manner, transgress the Rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may call him to order; in which case, the member so called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed without leave of the Convention; and, if the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.

*Rule 29.* No member shall vote on any question in any case where he was not present when the vote was taken, without leave of the Convention; and upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the bar shall be counted.

*Rule 30.* Every member who shall be in the Convention when the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him. And the refusal of any member present to vote, on calling the yeas and nays, shall be noted on the Journal at the request of any member.

*Rule 31.* No member without the permission of the Convention shall answer on the yeas and nays who did not divide on the question; and if any member divide on one side