

hundred and sixteen, and confirmed at December session 1817. Ordered, That Messrs. Perry, Blair and Reid, report the same.

Mr. Tyson obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the mayor and city council of Baltimore to establish public schools within said city. Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, Howard and Hawkins, report the same.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during this session, beg leave to submit the following:

1. At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes his chair.

3. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise uncovered in his place and respectfully address himself to the speaker or chairman, as it may be.

4. No member, at the time of speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

5. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.

6. No member shall speak a second time, until every member who offers to deliver his sentiments has spoken once; and no member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the house.

7. Any member called to order by the speaker, or by any member, shall thereupon take his seat.

8. When the house is sitting no member shall hold conversation to interrupt debate.

9. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and (if desired by the speaker or any member,) reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, and read by the clerk.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by a motion for commitment or postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

11. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by three members who shall have divided on the question; and whenever the yeas and nays are ordered to be taken, no question of adjournment shall be received or propounded by the speaker until the yeas and nays are called, counted and reported.

12. The previous question, (that is, Whether the question propounded be now put?) may be called for by any member on any question except to an amendment or other matter which cannot, in its nature, be postponed; and if the previous question be determined in the affirmative the main question shall immediately be put by the speaker.

13. If a question in debate contains more distinct parts than one, any member may of right have the same divided into as many questions as parts; and when an amendment shall be proposed to an amendment, the question on the last amendment shall be taken first, and then divided, if required, into as many parts as it will admit of questions.

14. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present; those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats; and so vice versa, until a decision by the speaker.