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The House of Assembly
Be it enacted by the King's Majesty of Great Britain that all the persons of the name of the said House of Assembly
Cap. Robt. Vaughan, Mr. Henrich, Mr. Bradnor, Mr. Comar, Mr. Thorneborough
Mr. Brookes, Tho. Allan, Rich. Banks, Barnaby Juckton, George Saphyer, James
Akeriel, Jr. Madley, Walter Waterlm, Walter Pakes, Edward Pecker, or any
Ten of them, assembled with the Clerk of the said Assembly, at the time & place
prescribed by the said Act shall be a House of Assembly to all intents & purposes
And all Bills passed by the said Freemen or the major part of them & enacted by
the said House shall be Laws of the said Province after publication thereof, under the hand
of the said House & the great Seal of the said Province as fully to all effects in Law, as if they were
enacted & assented unto by all the said Freemen of the said Province in person

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The Freemen assented unto it
The House assented unto it and
enacted it in the name of the King's Majesty

Transcribed

The house adjourned by the House of Commons to tomorrow 9 o'clock.
Walter Pakes appeared as 29th proxies.
Friday 21st Jan.

The Freemen bound to attend the Assembly appeared except Mr. Henrich, Mr. Thorneborough, Mr. Brookes & George Saphyer.

Summons to George Saphyer to be at the Assembly forthwith upon sight &c.
was read certain orders to be observed in the House during the Assembly.
Came Mr. Margaret Brent & requested to have votes in the House for her self
& voice also for the said Court of Jan: 21st Mr. Brent was to be looked upon
& received as his Law Attorney. The House denied the said Mr. Brent
should have any vote in the House. And the said Mr. Brent protested she
would not sit on this present Assembly, unless she may be put and have vote as a freeman.
Orders. &c:

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1. That no one of the House shall use any railing speeches, or name any one
by name, but by another signification. Viz. the House of Commons last or the like.
2. That no one shall speak above once, at one reading to any Bill, without leave
of the House. And if 2 persons rise up together, the House shall appoint who shall
speak first. And no one shall interrupt another, or speak till he shall be called.
3. That no one shall deliver his opinion, or speak to any Bill sitting, but shall
rise reverently & bow-headed, directing his speech to the House.
4. That every Bill proposed to the House shall be read 3 several days before it shall
be voted to engrossed. And if between every such reading one day shall be
intermitted, unless in speciall licence of the House.
5. That before the great day of sitting for the enacting of all Laws, notice shall
be given 3 days before, at least, to all the Counties of the Province, to make their
appearances, if they shall like thereof.