

**RULES AND ORDERS**  
FOR THE  
REGULATION AND GOVERNMENT  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND,  
AT DECEMBER SESSION, 1839.

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TOUCHING THE DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER.

1st. The Speaker shall take the Chair every day precisely at the hour to which the House stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order, and after Divine Service has been performed, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

2d. He shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members; shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members; and his decision of any question shall be final, unless the yeas and nays be required; and he may vote on every question except on an appeal from the decision of the Chair, on a question of order.

3d. The Speaker shall examine and correct the journal before it is read. He shall have a general direction of the hall.— He shall have a right to name, from time to time, any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment. He shall appoint all conferrees and committees, unless otherwise directed by the House; and may admit stenographers willing to take down the debates, and assign them such places on the floor, or elsewhere, to effect their object, as shall not interfere with the business or convenience of the House.

4th. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, the Speaker (or chairman of the committee of the whole House,) shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

5th. No person shall be admitted within the bar of the House, but members of the Executive and Judiciary departments, members of the Senate, former members of the Legislature, and such other persons as may be invited by the Speaker.