

Oath of Abjuration, and by repeating and signing the Test. The Gentlemen took their Places in the House.

Dr. *Carroll* from the Committee of Laws acquaints Mr. Speaker, that that Committee had made Choice of Mr. *Stephen Bordley* for their Clerk: The House approves him.

The House approved the following Rules and ordered, that they be observed this Session.

1. That no Member of this House shall use any reviling Speeches, or name any Member by his proper Name, otherwise than for Distinction's Sake; but shall rather use some other Signification, as, *The Gentlemen that spoke last*, or the like.

2. That no Member speak above once at the reading of any Bill or Debate, without License of the Speaker and the House; 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. 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. That every Bill proposed to the House shall be read Two several Days before it is sent to the Upper House, and once after, before it be Ingrossed; and that between every Reading one Day shall be intermitted, and, That in that Time the Bill be laid on the Table for the Perusal of all the Members; unless, on very urgent Occasions, Mr. 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 in the Clerk's Journal.

5. That no Person shall come into the House of Assembly, whilst the same is sitting, with Sword or other Weapon, upon Penalty of such Fine as shall be imposed on them by the Speaker, not exceeding Five Shillings, for any Offence.

6. That if any Member bound to attend this Assembly, shall be absent at the Hours and Place appointed, after the Number of Twelve of the Members with the Speaker are met, according to the Order for Sitting, shall be fined according to the Discretion of the Speaker, not exceeding Five Shillings for any Offence; unless upon such lawful Excuse as the Speaker shall admit of.

7. All Misdemeanours which shall happen in the House, shall be censured and fined in the House.

8. That