

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.*

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. J. Hall acquaints Mr. Speaker, That he had informed the Reverend Mr. Dent with the Request of this House, who promised to read Divine Service accordingly.

Mr. Ringgold from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Governor, acquaints Mr. Speaker, That that Committee had made Choice of Mr. John Allen Thomas for their Clerk, and desires the Approbation of the House. The House approved the Choice, and ORDERED, That he be Qualified in the usual Manner.

Mr. John Adams, appeared in the House.

*The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.*

Wednesday, October 5.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Worthington. The Proceedings were Read.

Doctor Stewart acquaints Mr. Speaker, That Mr. John Allen Thomas had taken before him, the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and the following Oath, viz.

*You John Allen Thomas, do swear, that you will true Entries make of all such Matters and Things, as shall be to you directed by any Committee of the Lower House of Assembly, for whom you shall act as Clerk; and that you will not divulge the Secrets of the said House of Assembly, or of any Committee thereof; but will, in all Things, well and truly demean yourself, according to the best of your Knowledge: So help you God.*

ON MOTION, ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Deputy-Secretary of this Province, to make out a new Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of Dorchester County, to Elect a Delegate to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, now Sitting, in the room of Charles Goldsborough, Esq; called to the Upper House.

Mr. Robert Lloyd, from the Committee appointed, delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency the Governor; which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

ORDERED, That the following Rules be observed as such during this Session:

I. That no Member of the 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 Gentleman that spoke last*, or the like.

II. That no Member speak above once upon any Debate, without Licence of the House, declared by the Speaker; 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.

III. 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.

IV. That every Bill proposed by 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.

V. That no Person come into the House of Assembly while 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 one Offence.

VI. 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.

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

VIII. That no Bill shall be Read at any Time during this Session, till all the Members in Town be called in, except on some Excuse to be admitted by the Speaker.

IX. That if any Member of this House do depart, without Leave from the Honourable Speaker and the House, such Member shall forfeit all his preceding Allowances due to him for his Attendance that Session.

The House appointed Major Waring, Major Hynson, Mr. Dent, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Key, a Committee of Accounts.

Mr. Allen, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Jacob, a Committee of Elections and Privileges.

Dr. Stewart, Mr. H. Hall, Mr. Dulany, Mr. Robert Lloyd, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. J. Hammond, a Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr.