

On Motion, the Question was put, That this House will sit, during the present Session, in the Bill-room, and will pay for the Use of the said Room, Two Committee Rooms, and the Two Rooms adjoining, for the honourable the Upper House, Three Pounds Ten Shillings common Money per Day, at the Close of the Session, by Way of Ordinance or Bill. Resolved in the Negative.

Mr. Paca acquaints Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Allen Quynn took the several Oaths to the Government, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took the following Oath, viz. "You Allen Quynn do swear, that you will faithfully, diligently and honestly, discharge the Office of Serjeant at Arms to the Lower House of Assembly; and that you shall not disclose or reveal the Secrets thereof. So help you GOD."

And that Robert Reynolds took the several Oaths to the Government, signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took the following Oath, viz. "You Robert Reynolds do swear, that you will faithfully, diligently and honestly, discharge the Office of Door-keeper to the Lower House of Assembly; and that you shall not disclose or reveal the Secrets thereof. So help you GOD."

RESOLVED, That the Hours for Sitting for Dispatch of the publick Business during this Session, be from 9 o'Clock in the Morning until One in the Afternoon.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

THURSDAY, October 3, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

The House being informed, that Mr. Thomas Wright and Mr. Solomon Wright, Two Delegates returned for Queen-Anne's County; and Mr. Isaac Handy, a Delegate returned for Somerset County, were attending.

ORDERED, That Mr. Earle and Mr. Nicholas Thomas, do go with those Gentlemen to the Upper House to see them qualified.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw them qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentlemen take their Seats in the House.

On Motion of one of the Members for Cecil County, that Mr. William Ward was duly elected a Member for that County, and that the Sheriff, by Mistake, had returned Two Indentures for Mr. William Baxter, and omitted to return an Indenture for Mr. Ward;

ORDERED, That the Sheriff immediately attend at the Bar of this House, and bring with him the Polls and the Counter-parts of the Indentures taken at the said Election.

ORDERED, That the Serjeant at Arms do forthwith serve the Sheriff of Cecil County with a Copy of the said Order.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Secretary of this Province, requiring him to make out a new Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of Kent County, to elect a Delegate, to serve in this present General Assembly, in the Room of Mr. Stephen Bordley, late of that County, deceased.

A Petition of Robert Henley Courts, of Charles County, complaining of an undue Election of Mr. Francis Ware and Mr. Josias Hawkins, Two of the Members for that County, was read.

On a Second Reading the said Petition; ORDERED, That a Copy of the same be delivered to Mr. Francis Ware, or left at his Dwelling House, by Monday next at farthest, and that an Hearing on the said Petition be had at the Bar of this House on Monday the 14th Instant.

ORDERED, That the Clerk do make out all such Summonses as may be applied for by any of the Parties.

ORDERED, That a Message be prepared to the Upper House, acquainting them with the Hours this House hath appointed for their Sitting for the Dispatch of the publick Business during this Session.

ORDERED, That the following Rules be observed during this Session, viz.

- I. That no Member of the House use any reviling Speeches, or name any Member by his proper Name, but shall use some other Distinction, as, *The Gentleman who spoke last*, or the like.
- II. That no Member speak above once on 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 be 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 engrossed; and that between every Reading One Day shall be intermitted; and that in that Time the Bill shall 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, at the Discretion of the House.

VI. That