

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 none shall deliver his opinion, or speak to any debate, unless he shall stand up in his place and reverently direct his speech to the speaker.

III. 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 hath ended.

IV. That no person come into the house while the same is sitting with sword or other weapon, upon penalty of such fine as shall be imposed on him by the speaker, not exceeding twenty shillings.

V. That if any member be absent at the hours appointed, the speaker and twenty of the members having met, according to the order for sitting, he shall be fined according to the discretion of the speaker, not exceeding forty shillings for any offence, unless upon such excuse as the speaker shall admit.

VI. All misdemeanors which shall happen in the house shall be censured or fined in the house.

VII. That if any member of the house depart without leave of the house, he shall forfeit his preceding allowance due to him for his attendance this session.

VIII. That every bill proposed to the house shall be read two several days before it is sent to the senate, and once after, before it be engrossed, and 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 the bill being read twice at one sitting, shall be as sufficient as if read several days, when so entered on the clerk's journal.

IX. That no person who has refused or neglected to take the oath of allegiance to this state (unless from religious principles) be permitted to come within the doors of this house during the session.

RESOLVED, That the hours of sitting during this session for the dispatch of business be from eight o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from four till seven.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate acquainting them therewith. A message was accordingly prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wilson.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the whole house be divided into a number of committees.

That committee No. 1. be composed of Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Crabb, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Ward, Mr. J. Mackall.

No. 2. Of Mr. Hall, Mr. Veazey, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Bowie, Mr. Norris, Mr. Sturgis.

No. 3. Of Mr. Chase, Mr. W. Goldsborough, Mr. Maccubbin, Mr. Chew, Mr. Burgess, Mr. M'Comas.

No. 4. Of Mr. Maddux, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. Job, Mr. Potter, Mr. T. Mackall.

No. 5. Of Mr. Polk, Mr. Ford, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Cramphin, Mr. Strawbridge.

No. 6. Of Mr. Thomas, Mr. Evans, Mr. Gantt, Mr. Bond, Mr. Reynolds.

No. 7. Of Mr. Smith, Mr. H. Goldsborough, Mr. Brown, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Wilson.

RESOLVED, That committee No. 1. be a committee of elections and privileges; that committee No. 2. be a committee of grievances and courts of justice; and that committee No. 7. be a committee of claims.

The house continue Mr. Nicholas Harwood, Mr. W. Hanson M'Pherson, and Mr. Archibald Golder, clerks assistant; and appoint Mr. John Callahan an assistant clerk. ORDERED, That he be qualified.

The qualification of Mr. Callahan, as clerk assistant, was produced and filed.

Mr. Quynn is desired to request the reverend Mr. Hanna to perform divine service in this house every morning during this session at eight o'clock.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the house a letter of resignation from Mr. John Brice. Whereupon ORDERED, That a new writ of election issue to the mayor, recorder and aldermen of the city of Annapolis, to hold an election for the choice of a delegate to serve in the general assembly, in the room of the said Mr. Brice; which issued accordingly, returnable by the 31st instant.

A memorial of Elie Vallette was preferred and read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Joseph Nicholson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from John Jay, Esq; president of congress, to the Governor, dated the 22d of May, 1779, with an act of congress to raise 45,000,000 of dollars. Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker sundry letters and other papers from congress; which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.