

The several papers from Congress in Bundles N. 1, 2, 3 were read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table. The House adjourns till 3 O'Clock

Post Meridien.

The House met. Ordered, That the Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Petition of William Whotcroft, referred from last Session to this Day, be read and it was read accordingly. The Parties being, at their Request, heard by Council, withdrew, and the House maturely considering the same, Resolved, unanimously, that Relief be granted to the Petitioner. Ordered, That the following Rules be observed this Session.

1. At the Hour appointed for sitting, the Roll of the House shall be called over, and the absent Members, if any, sent for.
2. If any Member be absent at the Hour appointed for sitting (the Speaker and twenty of the Members being not) he shall be fined (unless excused by the Speaker) in his Discretion, not exceeding forty Shillings for every Neglect.
3. Every Member shall take his Seat when the Speaker takes the Chair, and remain uncovered until the House rises.
4. Every Member who shall deliver his Opinion or speak in any Debate shall stand up in his Place, and with respect and Decency address himself to the Speaker.
5. No Member, at the Time of his speaking in Debate shall name any other by his proper Name, but shall use some other Distinction.
6. If two or more Members shall rise to speak at the same Time, the Speaker shall declare who shall speak first.
7. No Member shall speak oftner than twice in any Debate, except with Leave, nor shall any Member be interrupted while he is speaking in Order.
8. Any Member called to Order, by the Speaker, or any Member, must thereupon take his Seat.
9. When the House is sitting, no Member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any Member who may be speaking in Debate.
10. No Motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and (if desired by the Speaker or any Member) reduced to Writing, delivered in at the Table and read by the Clerk.
11. When a Motion is made and seconded, the Matter of the Motion shall receive a Determination by the Question, or be postponed by general Consent, or the previous Question, before any other Motion shall be received.
12. Every Question shall be entered on the Journal, and the yeas and nays may be called for by any Member, on any Question, and the Name of the Member requiring them shall be entered on the Journal.
13. The previous Question (that is, whether the Question propounded "be now put") may be called for by any Member on any Question, except to an Amendment, or other Matter which cannot in its nature be postponed.
14. If a Question in Debate contains more Parts than one, any Member may (of right) have the same divided into as many Questions as Parts.
15. All Questions shall be determined by the Majority of the Members present, and whenever the Speaker (on a Division if called for) shall declare any Question in the Affirmative or Negative, such Declaration shall decide the Majority, unless the yeas and nays be called for, in which Case the Question shall be determined as the Majority shall appear on the Journal.
16. Every Bill brought in by a Member, or received from the Senate, shall be read two several Days, with an Intermission of one Day at least, during which Time it shall lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members, unless on very urgent Occasions the House shall by special Order dispense with this Rule, which Order shall be entered on the Journal.