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Wednesday October the Third 1683

The house Called and all present as yesterday

Mr Hosier enters the house. Mr Henry Hosier Comes Into the house and desires to be Excused for not Coming yesterday he alsoe Sayes that Majo<sup>r</sup> Weekes the Other Delegate for Kent County is very Sick and not in cōn to Attend this house

Then was read what was D day

Then was read the Rules and Orders red to be Transcribed And Sett vp within this house this house vpon all Occasions to peruse, Which are as

Lower House of Assembly

Rules and Ord<sup>r</sup> of the Lower House Rules and Orders of the Lower house Delegates within this house.

It is this day Ordered by the Burgesses now Assembled That these rules and Orders Burgesses and Delegates now Assembled and by the Clerk this Sessions of Assembly:

1 That Noe burgess Deputy or Delegate member of this house Revileing Speeches Or Name any one by his proper Name Significaccōn (Viz<sup>t</sup>) the Gentleman that Spokc last or the like

2 That noe One Speake above Once at a reading, to any bill Speaker, And if Two persones Or more Rise vp together the Speaker shall appoynte who shall Speake first and Noe One may Interrupt another speake till the Other hath Ended

3: That none Shall Deliver his Opinion or Speake sitting to Any But shall stand vp and reverendly direct his Speech to the Speaker.

4: That every bill proposed to the house shall be read three severall dayes before it be Ingrossed, and that between every reading One day shall be Intermitted vnless vpon very vrgent Occasion M<sup>r</sup> Speaker with the Consent of the house shall Dispencc therewith, & then One being read twice at One Sitting shall be Sufficent as read Two Severall dayes & times when soe Entered vpon The Clerkes Journall.

5: That noe One shall Come Into the house of Assembly whilst the house is Sitting with a Sword, Or other weapon but shall put the same Into the hands of the Dorekeeper Or Other persone Appoynted thereto vpon penalty of a fine as the Speaker Deputyes and Delegates shall thinke fitt:

6: Any of the members bound to Attend this Assembly who shall be absent from the house at the hour and place Appoynted after the Number of Eleven of them and the Speaker According