

It was reported to the house that M<sup>r</sup> Mich<sup>l</sup> Miller one of L. H. J. the Delegates for Kent County, was on his Journey hither and taken sick by the way and that M<sup>r</sup> George Ashman one of the Delegates for Baltimore County was gone for England and that M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hemsley one of the Delegates for Talbott County was up at Philadelphia.

Then was read the following rules viz<sup>t</sup>

By the house of Delegates Octob<sup>o</sup> the 24<sup>th</sup> 1698.

It is this day ordered by the Burgesses and Delegates of this Province now assembled that these Rules and Orders following be observed by the Burgesses and Delegates now assembled and by the clk of this house dureing this Sessions of Assembly.

1<sup>st</sup> That no Burges Deputy or Delegate of this house shall use any revileing Speeches, or name any one by his proper name, but by another signification viz<sup>t</sup> the Gentleman which spoke last or the like

2. That no one Speake above once at a Reading to any bill without License of the Speaker, and if two persons or more rise up together the Speaker shall appoint who shall speake first and no one may Interrupt another or Speake till the other hath ended. p. 225

3. That none shall give his opinion or Speake Sitting to any bill, but shall stand up and Reverently direct his Speech to the Speaker.

4. That every bill proposed to the house shall be read three Sever<sup>ll</sup> tymes before it be Engrossed and that between every reading one day shall be Intermitted unless upon very urgent occasion M<sup>r</sup> Speaker with the consent of the house shall dispence therewith, and then one being read twice at one sitting shall be sufficient as being read two Severall tymes and days when so Entered on the Clk<sup>s</sup> Iournall.

5. That no one shall come to 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 Door keeper or other person appointed, upon penalty of a fyne as the Speaker Deputys and Delegates shall thinke fitt.

6. Any of the members bound to attend this assembly which shall be absent from this house at the tyme appointed after the number of Two and Twenty and the Speaker according to the Ord<sup>r</sup> for Sittling the house shall forfeit all his or their Allowance or Allowances for every such and so many dayes as he or they shall be so deficient without sufficient Excuse for the same to be allowed of by the Speaker.