

Doctor Carroll from the Committee of Laws acquaints M^r Speaker L. H. J. that that Committee had made Choice of M^r Bordley for their Clerk, the House approves him

The House approved the following Rules and Ordered, that they be observed this Session.

1. That no Member of this House shall use any Reviling Speeches, or name any Member by his proper name, otherwise than for distinctions Sake, but shall rather use some other signification as the Gentleman that spoke last or the like

2. That no Member speak above once at the Reading of any Bill or Debate without License of the Speaker and the House 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

3. 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

4. That every Bill proposed to the House shall be read two several days before it is sent to the Upper House, and once after, before it be Ingrossed; and that between every Reading one day shall be Intermitted and that in that Time the Bill be laid on the Table for the Perusal of all the Members, unless on very urgent Occasions M^r 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 entred on the Clerks Journal

5. That no Person shall 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 for any Fine not exceeding five Shillings for any Offence

6. That if any Member bound to attend this Assembly shall be absent at the Hours and place appointed after the number of twelve of the Members with the Speaker are met according to the Order for sitting he shall be fined according to the discretion of the Speaker not exceeding five Shillings for any Offence upon such lawful Excuse as the Speaker shall admit of

7. All Misdemeanours which shall happen in the House shall be censured and fined by the House

8. That no Bill shall be read at any time during this Session till all the Members in Town, be called in except on some Excuse to be admitted by the Speaker

The House Adjourns till the Morrow Morning at nine of the Clock

Thursday Morning September the 23^d 1742

Sept. 23

The House met according to Adjournment &c.

Mess^{rs} Nicholas and John Goldsborough two returned Members for Talbot County Captain Bartholomew Ennalls and M^r Jacob