

L. H. J. and in Case any Letters shall come to you Contrary to Law that you do nothing by them but cause them to be Entred on Record and certify the King the Lord Proprietary or the Governour for  
p. 10 the time being of them and Proceed to Execute the Law notwithstanding the said Letters that you shall hold your Courts according to the Acts of Assembly and the Directions in your Commission that you shall do and Procure the Profit of the Lord Proprietary in all things where you may Lawfully & reasonably do the same and that you shall not debar or hinder the Prosecution of Justice nor take any Guift Bribe or Fee for delaying or Rendring of Judgment but shall behave your Self justly honestly and faithfully to the best of your Knowledg and understanding so long as you shall Continue in the said Office. So Help you God.

The House, Unanimously agree on the following Rules Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 3<sup>th</sup> 1728

Rules and Orders of the Lower House of Assembly to be Observed by the Members and others in the said House.

1<sup>st</sup> That no Burgess Deputy or Delegated Member of this House shall Use any reviling Speeches or Name any Member by his Proper Name otherwise than for Distinction sake but shall rather use some other Signification Viz. The Gentleman that Spoke last or the Like.

2<sup>dly</sup> That no Member Speak above once at the reading of any Bill or Debate without Licence of the Speaker and the house and if two Persons or more rise up together the Speaker shall appoint  
p. 11 who shall speak first and no Member shall interrupt any other untill the Gentleman who shall speak first hath Ended.

3<sup>dly</sup> 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<sup>thly</sup> That every Bill proposed to the House shall be read two Severall days before it is sent to the Upper House and once after before it is Engrossed and that between every reading one day shall be intermitted and that in that time the Bill be laid on the Table in Order for the Perusall of all the Members unless on very urgent Occasions M<sup>r</sup> Speaker with the Consent of the House shall dispence therewith: and then one Bill being read Twice at one Setting shall be as Sufficient as if read two severall Days when so Entred in the Clerks Journall.

5<sup>thly</sup> That no Person shall come into the House of Assembly whilst the same is Setting with sword or other Weapon but shall put the same into the hands of the Door Keeper or other person appointed to receive the same upon Penalty of such fine as shall be