

L. H. J. Col. Henry, and M^r Thomas Hammond, acquaint M^r Speaker,
 Liber No. 46 that they saw M^r Thomas Wilkinson and M^r Grundy Pemberton,
 members returned for Queen Ann's County; and Capt. Selby and
 Capt. Outten, members returned for Worcester County, qualify them-
 selves by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by
 Law, signing the Oath of Abjuration, and repeating and signing
 the Test. The Gentlemen take their Seats in the House.

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

[See L. H. J. 1. That no Member of this House shall use any reviling Speeches,
 for 1742] or name any member by his proper name, otherwise than for Dis-
 tinction's 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 ap-
 point 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 De-
 bate, 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 engrossed; 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 there-
 with; and then one Bill being read twice at one sitting, shall be as
 sufficient as if read several Days, when so enter'd in the Clerk's
 Journal.

5. That no Person shall come into the House of Assembly, whilst
 the same is sitting, with Sword or other Weapon, upon Penalty of
 such Fine as shall be imposed on them by the Speaker, not exceeding
 five Shillings for any offences.

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; unless upon
 such lawful Excuse as the Speaker shall admit of.

7. All misdemeanors 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,
 'til all the Members in Town be called in; except on some Excuse
 to be admitted by the Speaker.