

Benjamin Calvert, and *Daniel Dulany*, Esqrs. from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House, immediately, in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, attended with the Members of the Lower House, went to the Upper House, where his Excellency signified to Mr. Speaker, and the Lower House of Assembly, That, "as it appeared from their Address, delivered to him near the Close of the last Session, that it would be agreeable to them, after a short Recess, to proceed on Public Business, he had now met them for that Purpose."

Mr. Speaker, (with the rest of the Members,) returned to the Lower House, and re-assumed the Chair.

Major *William Hynson*, a Delegate returned for *Kent County*; *Walter Dulany*, Esq; a Delegate returned for the City of *Annapolis*; and Capt. *Francis Ware*, a Delegate returned for *Charles County*; severally appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Hanson*, and Col. *Lloyd*, do go with those Gentlemen to the Upper House, to see them Qualified. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw those Gentlemen Qualified in the usual Manner, by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, by subscribing the Oath of Abjuration, repeating and signing the Test.

The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

SATURDAY, November 2.

THE House met, &c. All the Members appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. *Murdock*.

ORDERED, That the following Rules be observed as such during this Session, viz.

I. That no Member of the House shall use any reviling Speeches, or name any Member by his proper Name, otherwise than for Distinction's Sake; but shall rather use some other Signification, as, *The Gentleman that spoke last*, or the like.

II. That no Member speak above once upon any Debate, without License of the House, declared by the Speaker; 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.

III. 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.

IV. That every Bill proposed by 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, Mr. 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 entered in the Clerk's Journal.

V. That no Person 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, not exceeding Five Shillings for any one Offence.

VI. 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, 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.

VII. All Misdemeanours which shall happen in the House, shall be censured and fined in the House.

VIII. 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.

IX. That if any Member of this House do depart, without Leave from the Honourable Speaker and the House, such Member shall forfeit all his preceding Allowances due to him for his Attendance that Session.

The following Resolves, viz.

Resolved by the House, That the Members who were appointed as Members of the Committee of Aggrievances, have likewise the Character of a Committee for Courts of Justice; and that That Character, and the Duty of such Committee, be annexed to the said Committee of Aggrievances, as a standing Part of their Duty. And that it be an Instruction to the said Committee of Courts of Justice, that they observe the Nature of all the Commissions to the several Courts of Judicature within this Province; and that they especially observe any Alterations that may at any Time happen by accidental Omission, or otherwise, therein; and particularly relating to such Words therein, as require the several Judges and Justices to hear, try, and determine, according to the Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, and reasonable Customs of *England*, and of this Province, or to such