

Members may resign their seats.

7. Any Member of the House of Commons may voluntarily resign and vacate his seat in the manner hereinafter provided.

Proceedings in such case for issue of new writ, by notice in the House;

Speaker's warrant.

8. Any such Member wishing to resign his seat, may do so by giving in his place in the House of Commons notice of his intention to resign it, in which case and immediately after such notice has been entered by the Clerk on the Journals of the House, the Speaker may address his Warrant under his hand and seal, to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, for the issue of a Writ for the election of a new member in the place of the member resigning ;

Or by notice in writing to the Speaker.

2. Or such member may address and cause to be delivered to the Speaker a declaration of his intention to resign his seat, made in writing under his hand and seal before two witnesses, which declaration may be so made and delivered either during a Session of Parliament or in the interval between two Sessions,—and the Speaker may upon receiving such declaration forthwith address his Warrant under his hand and seal to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, for the issue of a Writ for the Election of a new Member in the place of the Member so resigning, and a Writ shall issue accordingly,—and an entry of the declaration so delivered to the Speaker shall be thereafter made in the Journals of the House ;

Speaker's warrant.

Entry in Journals.

Seat vacated on such notice.

3. And the Member so tendering his resignation, shall be held to have vacated his seat and cease to be a member of such House.

No member to resign while his seat is contested.

9. But no Member shall so tender his resignation while his election is lawfully contested, nor until after the expiration of the time during which it may by law be contested on other grounds than corruption or bribery.

Proceedings when a member wishes to resign, when there is no Speaker, or the member be himself the Speaker.

10. If any Member of the House of Commons wishes to resign his seat in the interval between two Sessions of the Parliament, and there is then no Speaker, or if such Member be himself the Speaker,—he may address and cause to be delivered to any two Members of the House, the declaration before mentioned of his intention to resign ; and such two Members upon receiving such declaration shall forthwith address their warrant under their hands and seals to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, for the issue of a new writ for the election of a Member in the place of the Member so notifying his intention to resign, and such writ shall issue accordingly :—And the member so tendering his resignation shall be held to have vacated his seat and cease to be a member of the House.

Proceedings in case of vacancy, by death or acceptance of office.

11. If any vacancy happens in the House of Commons by the death of any Member or by his accepting any Office, the Speaker on being informed of such vacancy by any Member