

Assembly attends and Speaker claims accustomed privileges.

3. On the day appointed, His Excellency being again seated in the chair, on the throne, the Assembly are commanded to attend ; And the Speaker elect addressing His Excellency, informs him that the Assembly have elected him their Speaker, and in the name and on behalf of the Assembly, lays claim to their ancient and undoubted rights and privileges, especially freedom of speech, access to his Excellency's person, and that the most favorable construction may be put on their proceedings. The Speaker of this House addressing himself to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, declares that His Excellency grants, and, upon all occasions, will recognize and allow their constitutional rights and privileges. And then His Excellency opens the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses. His Excellency having retired, some bill is read *pro formâ*; the speech from the throne is reported, and ordered to be taken into consideration on a future day, and printed.

Opening of the Session

Subsequent Sessions.

4. At the beginning of every subsequent session, during the same Parliament, prayers are said and new members are introduced and sworn ; some bill is likewise read *pro formâ*; and the speech from the throne is reported and ordered to be taken into consideration on a future day, and printed.

Committee of privileges appointed.

5. The Committee of privileges is appointed, consisting of all the members then present, or to be present during the session, and sits in the House, the Speaker being in the chair, at the table.

Standing Committees appointed.

6. Standing Committees are next appointed to superintend the printing of the House ; to peruse and perfect the journals, and to examine and report upon the contingent accounts of the Legislative Council.

Consideration of the Speech.

7. The House, on the day appointed, proceeds to take the speech into consideration ; a resolution is moved for an Address to His Excellency in answer thereto, and is adopted, with or