

Every Member is to sit in his due place when the House is put into a Committee.

At any Committee of our own, any Member of our House, though not of the Committee, is not excluded from coming in and speaking, but he must not vote. He shall also give place to all that are of the Committee, and shall sit behind them. The same order is also observed at a conference with the Assembly:

If it be desired by any Member that the House be put into a Committee, it ought not to be refused.

No man is to enter at any Committee or conference, unless it be such as are commanded to attend; but such as are Members of the House, upon pain of being punished severely with example to others.

Resolved, that it is the right of every Member of this House, to bring in a Bill, and pray that it may be read.

For our meeting with any of the Lower House, it is either upon occasion of Messages which they send up unto us, or upon conference. When they come up unto us, the manner is thus:—After we have notice given us by our Usher that they have sent unto us, they attend until we have put that business to some end wherein we are; and then we (sitting) send for them in, who stand all at the lowest end of the room, and then the Speaker, with such as please, riseth, and goeth down to the middle of the Bar. Then, the chief of the Committee in the midst, and the rest about him, come up to the Bar with three obeysances, and deliver the Message to him: who, after he hath received it, retires himself to his former place. And the House being cleared and settled, he reports it to the Members, who do help his memory, if any thing be mistaken. And after the Members have taken resolution, (if the business require any answer) they are either called for in, and approaching to the Bar with three obeysances, (as before) and the House sitting in order as before, the Speaker in his seat covered, doth give them their answer in the name of the House; or else, if the resolution be not so speedy, we send for them in, and the Speaker informs them that they shall not need to stay for the answer, but we will send it by some express Messenger of our own.

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