

ever he thinks proper, order the withdrawal of strangers.—B. 223, 224. M. 268.

Black Rod **7.** When the Serjeant-at-Arms shall announce that the Usher of the Black Rod is at the door, the Speaker shall take the chair, whether there be a quorum present or not —B. 286.

Order in the House. **8.** The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House: in explaining a point of order or practice, he shall state the rule or authority applicable to the case.—B. 213. M. 247, 363, 391.

Speaker not to debate, and when to vote. **9.** The Speaker shall not take part in any debate before the House. In case of an equality of votes, Mr. Speaker gives a casting voice, and any reasons stated by him are entered in the journal. (*See Imperial Act, 30 Victoria, c. 3, ss. 49 and 87.*) —B. 214, 453. M. 410, 430.

II.—RULES OF DEBATE.

Members speaking. **10.** Every Member desiring to speak is to rise in his place, uncovered, and address himself to Mr. Speaker.—B. 405. M. 340.

Two or more Members rising together. **11.** When two or more Members rise to speak, Mr. Speaker calls upon the Member who first rose in his place: but a motion
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