

Rules and regulations  
of the House.

cuniary penalties in Bills sent to them by this House ; provided that all such penalties thereby imposed, are only to punish or prevent crimes and offences, and do not tend to lay a burthen on the subject, either as Aid and Supply to Her Majesty, or for any general or special purposes, by Rates, Tolls, Assessments or otherwise.

#### PUBLIC BILLS.

50. That every Public Bill shall be introduced by a motion for leave, specifying the title of the Bill, or by a motion to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring it in, or by an Order of the House on the Report of a Committee.

51. That no Bill shall be committed or amended until it shall have been twice read.

52. That all amendments shall be reported to the House by the Chairman, standing in his place. After report, the Bill shall be subjected to debate and amendment in the House, before the question to engross it, shall be put.

53. That every Bill shall receive three several readings, each on different days, previous to its being passed, except in urgent and extraordinary occasions, when it may be read twice or thrice in one day.

54. That when a Bill is read in the House, the Clerk shall certify the readings and the time on the back.

55. That Bills committed to a Committee of the whole House, shall first be read throughout by the Clerk, and then read by the Chairman and debated by clauses, leaving the Preamble and Title to be last considered.

56. That when a Bill passes the House, the Clerk shall certify the same, with the date thereof, at the foot of the Bill.

57. That a similar mode of proceeding shall be observed with Bills which have originated in and passed the Legislative Council, as with Bills originating in this House.

58. That it shall be the duty of the Law-Clerk of this House, after the present Session, to revise all Public Bills after the first reading, and that after such revision, he do mark his initials and certify on the endorsement of the said Bills, in red ink, that the same are correct ; and that the said Law-Clerk be held responsible for the due performance of such duty, in obedience to this Resolution ; and in order that he may be regularly apprized of the Bills that shall have been read for the first time, it shall be the duty of the senior Clerk of the Committees of this House, to provide him daily during the Session, with a List of the Bills that shall have been read for the first time, and of the day on which they shall be fixed for the second reading ; and that in every succeeding stage of such Bills, the said Law-Clerk shall be also held responsible for the correctness of the said Bills, should amendments be made thereto, and he shall make a Breviat of every such Bill previous to the second reading thereof.

59. That all Bills, Public and Private, and Breviats and Abridgements thereof, be printed before the second reading, for the use of the Members of the Legislature, unless the House in certain cases dispense with such printing, with the exception nevertheless of certain Bills to continue the Acts or Bills of Reimbursements or other short Bills, not introducing any important innovation, with the printing whereof the Speaker may dispense.

#### PRIVATE BILLS.

60. That Bills of a private nature shall be introduced by a Petition to be presented by a Member and seconded.