

PART II.  
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EXPLANATION  
OF  
**Parliamentary Terms and Pro-  
ceedings.**

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ADJOURNMENT.—See Interruption of the  
Sittings of Parliament.

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AMENDMENT.—See Order.  
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AVOIDANCE OF A DECISION.—When a motion  
has been made upon which the House is  
unwilling to come to a vote, there are certain  
formal modes of avoiding a decision, amongst  
which are "passing to the other orders of  
the day," or "moving the previous question."  
The former means that the House should—  
casting aside and taking no notice of the  
matter then before it—proceed to the other  
business appointed for that day; the latter,  
that a vote be previously taken as to the  
expediency of coming to any decision on  
the question raised. If "the previous ques-  
tion" be negatived as a matter of expe-  
diency, the motion to which it referred is  
only gotten rid of for the time, whereas a  
direct negative to the motion itself would