

**RULES, ORDERS, AND FORMS OF PROCEEDING**  
**OF**  
**The Upper House**  
**OF**  
**THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.**

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**I. PROCEEDINGS ON THE OPENING OF A NEW PARLIAMENT.**

1. At the beginning of a Parliament, the Members meet in the Legislative Council Chamber. Prayers are said; the Speaker and the Members present take and subscribe the oath or affirmation prescribed by law, and when a periodical election has taken place, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery delivers to the Clerk a list of the names of the Members returned, who are introduced, and take and subscribe the oath provided by the Act 19 and 20 Vict., cap. 140.

Members  
convened  
and sworn.

2. His Excellency the Governor General, or the Administrator of the Government, being come and seated in the chair, on the Throne, the Speaker commands the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know "it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House;" who being come, are informed by the Speaker "that His Excellency does not think fit to declare the causes of his summoning Parliament until a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly is chosen," and His Excellency appoints an hour, generally the next day, when he will make the said causes known.

His Excellency comes down and commands the attendance of the Assembly.