

Standing Orders continued. have been read. And farther, the Business Committee shall report from time to time to the Synod, until the whole business shall have been disposed of.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

The reports of all Committees severally authenticated by the Convener of each Committee shall be lodged with the Clerk immediately after they have been read to the Synod, and shall be kept *in retentis*, to be preserved among the other documents of the Synod.

4. THE CONDUCTING OF CASES.

In no case shall there be more than two speeches for each party at the bar, including the reply to which the appellant or complainer shall be entitled. And where there are more than two parties, there shall only be one speaker, and one speech for each, besides the reply; it being understood that where there are more than one complainer, each shall be considered as a different party only in case of its appearing to the Synod that the complaints rest upon distinctly separate grounds.

5. MOTIONS AND VOTES.

1st. Every motion, whether original or amended, shall be given in to the Clerk in writing, as soon as it shall have been made to the House.

2nd. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be altered without the permission of the House.

3rd The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter the debate shall be held to be definitely closed, and no person shall be entitled to speak, excepting with regard to the manner of putting the vote.

4th. All motions after the first shall be considered as amendments on the first, and disposed of accordingly.

5th. When there are only two motions before the House, the question put to the vote shall be "*motion or amendment*" or "*first or second motion*."

6th. When there are three motions, the first question shall be, whether the second or third shall be put as the amendment against the first; and the second question shall be, whether the first motion on the amendment so fixed, shall be the decision of the House.

7th. When there are more than three motions, the first question shall be, whether the last proposed shall be put as the amendment, and so on till only three remain, when the procedure shall be as described in the previous order.

6. DISSENTS.

Dissents from any deliverance of the Synod shall not be given until the matter to which they refer be disposed of, and the House is ready to proceed to other business.

7. LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE MODERATOR.

All letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the Synod, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator as to the way of disposing of them.

8. DEPUTATIONS TO THE SYNOD.

Deputies from other Churches and from Societies shall, on their arrival, give in their commissions or letters of introduction to the Clerk

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