

nial Parliament, whenever a representation is made by the Speaker of the Legislative Council or House of Assembly to the Governor, that a vacancy has occurred in the seat of a member of the House of which he is Speaker, the Governor shall forthwith issue his writ for the election of a member to fill such vacancy.

issued by
Governor on
vacancy
occurring.

22. That no member of the Legislative Council or House of Assembly shall be entitled to take his seat or vote until he has in the presence of the governor, or some person authorized by him, made oath, or if a person authorized by law to make an affirmation instead of an oath made an affirmation, in the following form :—

Oath of
allegiance.

I

do sincerely promise and swear [or, *as the case may be*, affirm] that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to her Majesty Queen Victoria as lawful sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of this colony, dependent on and belonging to the said United Kingdom; and that I will defend her, to the utmost of my power, against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against her person, crown, and dignity; and that I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to her Majesty, her heirs, and successors, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against her or any of them; and all this I do swear, without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation, and renouncing all pardons and dispensations from any person or persons whatever to the contrary.

So help me God.

23. That, subject to any alteration to be made by the Colonial Parliament, each House shall be the judge of the elections and qualifications of its own members, and may compel the attendance of absent members, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the whole number of members, expel a member.

Power of
each House
over its own
members.

24. That each House may elect its own Speaker, and determine the rules of its own proceedings.

Each House
to elect its
Speaker, &c.

25. That, subject to any alteration to be made by the Colonial Parliament, all Bills for raising and appropriating the revenue shall originate in the House of Assembly, but the Legislative Council may propose amendments, as on other Bills.

Revenue
Bills