II.

The Speaker of the House.

The Speaker, when he speaks to the House, is always to be uncovered, and is not to adjourn the House, or do anything else, as Speaker of the House, without the consent of the Members first had, excepting the ordinary things about Bills, which are of course, wherein the Members may likewise over-rule, as for preferring one Bill before another, and such like. And in case of difference amongst the Members, it is to be put to the question, and if the Speaker will speak to any thing particularly, he is to go to his own place as a Member.

III.

Proceedings at the beginning of each new Parliament, and at the commencement of every other Session.

At the beginning of a Parliament, after Prayers shall have been said, and the Speaker shall have taken the Oath prescribed by Law, then all the Members of the Legislative Council present; shall in like manner make and subscribe the said Oath; after which some Bill (pro forma) shall be read; which being done, the Speaker is to report