

places without just cause, to the hindrance of others that sit near them, and disorder of the House; but when they must need go across the House, they are to make obeysance to the Cloth of State.

When any Members speak, they address their speech to the rest of the Members in general.

No Member is to speak twice to any Bill at one time of reading it, or to any other proposition, unless it be to explain himself in some material point of his speech, but no new matter; and that not without leave of the House first obtained. Every Member speaks standing and uncovered, and names not the Members of the House commonly by their names, but "the Member that spoke last, last but one, last but two, &c." or some other note of distinction.

To prevent misunderstanding, and for avoiding offensive speeches when matters are debating, either in the House or at Committees, it is for honour's sake thought fit and so ordered, that all personal, sharp, or taxing speeches be forborne; and that whosoever answereth another man's speech, shall apply his answer to the matter, without wrong to the person: and as nothing offensive is to be spoken, so nothing is to be ill taken, if the party that speaks it shall presently make a fair exposition or clear denial of the words that might bear any ill construction. And if any offence be given in that kind, as the House itself will be very sensible thereof, so it will censure the offender, and give the Party offended a fit reparation and a full satisfaction.

Ordered, for avoiding all mistakes, unkindnesses or other differences, which may grow to quarrels tending to the breach of the peace, that if any Member shall conceive himself to have received any affront or injury from any other Member of the House, either in the Parliament House, or at any Committee, or in any of the Rooms belonging to the Legislative Council, he shall appeal to the House for his reparation; which if he shall not do, but occasion or entertain quarrels, declining the justice of the House, then the Member that shall be found therein delinquent, shall undergo the severe censure of the House.

Ordered,