

who will exercise a legal and proper discretion upon it, both as to form and matter; and that from the moment it is filed, it becomes, as in all Courts, the property of the House, and can in no case be withdrawn, or altered, or amended, but with the consent of the House previously obtained.

XIV.

That no Member, absent when the question in discussion has passed the House, can be admitted to Protest at all.

Absent Members may not Protest.

XV.

That all Orders of the Day, which by reason of any adjournment shall not have been proceeded upon, shall be considered only as postponed to the next day on which the House shall sit.

Orders of the Day not proceeded on, how disposed of.

XVI.

To prevent misunderstanding, and for avoiding offensive Speeches when matters

Personal, Speeches &c., to be forborne.