30 57 Geo.III. Journals of the Legislative Council. A. 1817

The Members of the Legislative Council are to fit in the order preferibed by H1s Majefty.

The Speaker, when he fpeaks to the Houfe is always to be uncovered; and is not to adjourn the Houfe, or do any thing elle as mouth of the Houfe, without the confent of the Members firlt had, excepting the ordinary things about Bills; which are of courfe, wherein the Members may likewife over-rule, as for prefering one Bill before another and fuch like. And in cafe of difference among the Members, it is to be put to the Queffion; and if the Speaker will fpeak to any thing particularly, he is togo to his own place, as a Member.

At the beginning of a Parliament, after Prayers shall have been faid and the Speaker shall have taken the Oath preferibed by Law, then all the Members of the Legislative Council prefent, shall in like manner take, make and subscribe the faid Oath, after which some Bill (pro forma) shall be read, which being done, the Speaker is to report the Speech from the Throne; and then the Committee of Privil ges is to be appointed; and at the beginning of every other Sellion, during the same Parliament, after Prayers said, forme Bill (pro forma) is to be read, the Speech from the Throne reported, and the Committee of Privileges appointed.

It is to be observed that the first or second day after the commencement of each Session, the House be called, and notice taken of such Members as are absent, not excused by the King or by His Majesty's Representative, for some time.

For absence, every Member is to make his excuse by a Member of the House, and if u be allowed to be just, he is to be excused; if not, he is to be blamed by the House as the fault requires.

When the Houfe is fitting, every Member that fhall enter, is to give and receive faiutation from the reft, and not to fit down in his place unleis he has made an obeyfance to the Cloth of State.

The Members in the Upper House are to keep their dignity and order in fitting, as much as may be, and not remove out of their places