

from a Committee of the whole Council, and agreed to, shall not be recommitted for the purpose of altering or reversing any thing therein contained, but solely for the introduction of new or supplemental matter, in aid of the provisions of the Bill previously agreed to.

38. When a Bill has been passed by the Council, it shall be presented by the President, for Her Majesty's assent, to the Governor.

39. Whenever the Governor shall propose amendments to any Bill or Resolution sent up to him by the Council, the Council shall resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council on the same; but the provisions of the said Bill or Resolution, as previously passed by the Council, shall not then be taken into consideration, save in so far as the amendments proposed effect or have reference to the same.

40. When the Committee shall have reported to the Council on such proposed amendments, and the Council shall have come to a decision on such report, a copy of the Resolution of the Council, giving the result of the determination, or requesting a conference, shall be forwarded to the Governor.

41. No Bill, which has been rejected by the Council, shall be re-introduced during the same Session.

42. Upon the final reading and passage of any Bill, the same shall be certified by the signature of the Presiding Member.

43. It shall be in the power of the Governor to reserve Bills for Her Majesty's consideration, and to assent to them when so instructed, although the Council shall have been prorogued.

44. The Council may at any time request a conference with the Governor, particularly if there be matter to be considered which it might be detrimental to the interests of the Colony to have openly discussed in the first instance.

COMMITTEES.

45. The Council may resolve itself into Committee of the whole for the consideration of any Bill or any other matter, upon the motion of a Member. When any such motion prevails the Presiding Member may leave the Chair, appointing one of the Members as Chairman of the Committee.

46. When the Committee rise, which shall be by motion of some Member, and decided without debate, the Chairman shall report to the Presiding Member all amendments and resolutions adopted therein, who shall immediately refer the same to the Council for concurrence.

47. When any report of the Committee of the whole shall be submitted to the Council, as provided in the last preceding rule, no discussion shall be had thereon, and no amendment made thereto, but it shall be either adopted or rejected, or referred back with instructions, or postponed to a time to be fixed for asking the concurrence of the Council.

48. Select Committees may be granted upon motion of any Member, the selections to be made by the Presiding Member, unless named in the motion granting the same; provided always that the Member moving for a Select Committee shall in all cases be a Member thereof.

49. A majority of the whole number of Members chosen, to compose any Committee, shall form a quorum thereof; the first Member named to be Chairman of the Committee.

50. The reports of all Special and Select Committees shall be submitted to the Council in writing, bearing the date of the day of their adoption, and the signature of the Chairman thereof.

51. No discussion shall be allowed upon the reception of the report of any Committee, but the same shall be forthwith either adopted or rejected, or referred to a Committee of the whole, or laid on the table, or deferred to some future time to be fixed by the Council.

PETITIONS.

52. Petitions may be presented to the Presiding Member by any Member immediately after the Chair is taken, provided that there shall be indorsed upon it a certificate signed by the Member presenting the same, or by some other Member of Council, that in his opinion the petition is throughout perfectly respectful and deserving of presentation, and that the statements contained therein are generally correct.

53. It shall be competent to any Member to move that such petition be read; but in making such motion he shall state concisely the purport of the petition, together with his reasons for wishing to have the same read, and the motion being seconded, the question shall be put whether the petition be read.

54. No debate shall take place on presentation of any petition, except as to receiving or reading such petition, and every petition after being received shall be laid on the table of the Council, for at least one day before it is again taken up and disposed of.

55. In any case where individual rights or interests may be peculiarly affected by any proposed Ordinance, all parties so affected may be heard before the Council when in Committee upon such Ordinance, either in person or by Counsel.

MISCELLANEOUS.

56. Whenever a division is taken upon any question before the Council, it shall be the duty of every Member present to vote on the same; and any present Member who shall not distinctly