

by reason of any adjournment, shall not have been proceeded upon, shall be considered as postponed until the next day on which the House shall sit, and shall then stand first on the order of the day.

THIRTEENTH—That an Order Book be kept by the Clerk, in which Members desirous of introducing any subject to the consideration of the House, unconnected with any measure actually in progress, shall be required to enter notice thereof, specifying the day on which the same shall be brought forward, giving at least twenty-four hours notice—not to extend to questions of privilege.

FOURTEENTH—That no Resolution on the State of the Colony, or upon which it is proposed to found any Address to Her Majesty, shall be received by the House, unless such Resolution, or a copy thereof, be laid on the Table of this House, at least Twenty-four hours before the question be put on the same.

FIFTEENTH—That when a Call of the House is ordered, such members as shall not attend at the time appointed (unless a sufficient excuse is made when their names are called over, and their absence for some special reason expressed,) shall be taken into custody—and their excuses shall not be heard until the day following.

SIXTEENTH—That the papers and accounts presented to this House be carefully preserved by the Clerk, to whose custody they are intrusted; and that no person be permitted without leave of the House, to take the same from the House under any pretence whatever; and if any person shall presume to take any accounts or papers from the House, that the said Clerk do forthwith acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the House may be informed thereof.

SEVENTEENTH—That at the end of each Session, the principal Clerk do see that the Journal of the Session is properly made out and fairly transcribed from the Minute Book, the printed Votes, and the original papers that have been laid before the House; and that he shall prepare a suitable Index to the printed Journals, to be attached thereto.

EIGHTEENTH—That no person whatever (not a Member of this House, or of the Legislative Council,) shall be permitted to enter the Clerk's Copying Room.

NINETEENTH—That every day, immediately after the Speaker shall have taken the Chair, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read by the Clerk, to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the House; and that during the reading of the minutes, the doors shall be closed.

TWENTIETH—That no member of this House shall speak twice to any Bill at any one time of reading, nor to any report, motion, or other matter, unless it be to explain some material point of his speech (but not to bring forward new argument,) and that not without leave of the House first obtained, except the member bringing forward such Bill, report, motion, or other matter, who, at the close of the debate, shall be privileged to reply.

TWENTY-FIRST—That during any debate in this House, the Speaker do, as often as explanation shall seem to require, upon any point of order or practice, inform the House every thing he knows upon the subject from the Journals of this House or the History of Parliament; but that the said Speaker shall, on no account, argue or draw any conclusions from such information, nor, in any matter of doubt, attempt to sway this House; and that the Rule of the House of Commons of Great Britain, passed the 27th April, 1604, be strictly conformed to in the several matters before mentioned.

TWENTY-SECOND—That in order to expedite the business of the Legislature, the House should not insist on the privilege claimed and exercised by them, of laying aside Bills sent from the Legislative Council, because they impose pecuniary penalties; nor of laying aside Amendments made by the Legislative Council, because they introduce into or alter pecuniary penalties in Bills sent to them by this House; provided, that all such penalties thereby imposed, are only to punish or prevent crimes and offences, and do not tend to lay a burthen on the subject, either as aid and supply to Her Majesty, or for any general or special purposes, by Rates, Tolls, Assessments, or otherwise.

TWENTY-THIRD—That in future no Petition for a grant to a Public work, in aid of which the inhabitants of the District may have subscribed, be received, until there shall have been produced along with such Petition, a certificate by the Road Commissioner of the District, that there has