

**VI.**—That, during the reading of the minutes, the doors shall be closed.

**SPEAKER:**

**VII.**—That the Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house.

**VIII.**—That the Speaker shall take the chair when Black Rod is at the door.

**IX.**—That the Speaker shall not take part in any debate, or vote, unless the house shall be equally divided, in which case, he may give his reasons for so voting, standing uncovered.

**X.**—That when the Speaker is called upon to decide a point of order or practice, he shall state the rule applicable to the case.

**MEMBERS:**

**XI.**—That every member, previous to his speaking to any question or motion, shall rise from his seat, uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker.

**XII.**—That when two or more members rise at once, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak, subject to appeal to the house.

**XIII.**—That every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote thereon, un-