

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Thornton:

" Mr. President,

" The House of Assembly do agree to a present Conference, as is desired by the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled ' An Act for the increase of the Revenue in this Island,' and have appointed Mr. Pope, Mr. M'Donald, Mr. Green and Mr. Thornton a Committee to manage the same."

Thereupon the Committee went to the Conference—and having returned, reported the substance thereof.

The President, from the Committee appointed last Session to prepare a code of Rules and Standing Orders for the due government of this House, presented the following Rules, which were read and ordered to be engrossed, viz:—

FIRST—That Prayers shall be read every day by the Chaplain of this House at the opening thereof.

SECOND—The Members of this House are to keep their dignity and order in sitting, as much as may be, and not to remove out of their places without just cause, to the hindrance of others that sit near them, and disorder of the House.

THIRD—That immediately after Prayers the Minutes of the preceding day be always read.

FOURTH—That when this House is called together, notice shall be taken of such Members as are absent, unless excused by the King, the Governor in Chief, Lieutenant Governor or Officer administering the Government of this Island.

FIFTH—That for absence every Member is to make his excuse by a Member of this House, and if allowed, he is to be excused, if not, he is to be censured by the House, as the fault requires.

SIXTH—To prevent misunderstandings, and for avoiding offensive speeches, when matters are debating either in the House or at Committees, all personal, sharp, or taxing speeches be forborne; and whosoever answereth another man's Speech, shall apply his answer to the matter without wrong to the person; and as nothing offensive is to be spoken, so nothing is to be ill taken, if the party that speaks it shall presently make a fair exposition or clear denial of the words that might bear any ill construction; and if any offence of that kind be given, as the House itself will be very sensible thereof, so it will sharply censure the offenders, and give the party offended a fit reparation and full satisfaction.

SEVENTH—That for avoiding all mistakes, unkindnesses or other differences which may grow to quarrels, tending to the breach of the peace, if any Member shall conceive himself to have received any affront or injury from any other Member of the House, either in the Council Chamber, or at any Committee, or in any of the Rooms belonging thereto, he shall appeal to the House for his reparation, which, if he shall not do, but occasion, or entertain quarrels, declining the justice of the House, then the Member that shall be found therein offending, shall undergo the severe censure of this House.

EIGHTH—That if any Member have occasion to speak with another Member in this House, whilst the House is sitting, they are to go together below the Bar, or else the Speaker is to stop the business in agitation.

NINTH—The privilege of this House is, that no Member of the said House, during the sitting thereof, or within the usual times of privilege of Parliament is to be imprisoned or restrained without sentence or order of this House, unless it be for Treason or Felony, or for refusing to give Security for the Peace.

TENTH—That such Members of this House as shall make protestation, or enter their dissents from any vote of this House, as they have a right to