

And Mr. H. Haviland reported, that the Committee had gone through the Report of the Special Committee, without making any amendment thereto, and the said Report being again read at the Clerk's Table, was agreed to by the House, and is as followeth :—

The Committee appointed to prepare and report Standing Orders for the governance of this House, recommend for adoption the following Rules :—

FIRST—That Twelve Members and the Speaker make a *Quorum*, to act as if all the Members were present, and to proceed to any business.

SECOND—That Six Members and the Speaker be a *Quorum*, to meet and adjourn as they see convenient, and to send for absent Members.

THIRD—When the Speaker assumes the Chair, every Member to take his place, privileged to keep his head covered when seated only.

FOURTH—No Member upon coming into the House, or in removing from his place, is to pass between the Speaker and any other Member then speaking.

FIFTH—When any Member intends to speak, he is to stand up with his head uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker.

SIXTH—If two or more Members stand up and address the Chair, the Speaker is to determine the prior right of speech in favor of him who stood up first.

SEVENTH—No Member to interrupt another while speaking—to the end that regularity and good order may prevail.

EIGHTH—That no Bill shall pass this House until the same have been three times audibly and distinctly read.

NINTH—Upon any material question or business being agitated in the House, and it is deemed necessary that a Committee of the whole House shall be formed, and the same being made by motion, and agreed to by a majority, the Speaker shall leave the Chair, and a Chairman shall be chosen, who is to report the proceedings of such Grand Committee in the body of the House.

TENTH—That no Bill shall have more than one reading on the same day; and that every Bill shall be introduced by a motion for leave, specifying the object of the Bill; or by a motion to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring it in; or by an order of the House on the report of a Committee; and when any Bill shall be brought down to this House from the Council, or when any Bill sent up from this House to the Council shall be returned with amendments, such Bill so brought down, or the amendments, shall undergo the same readings and formal consideration, and the same shall be committed, and be subjected to the same order, forms and stages, as are observed upon Bills originating in this House—unless upon special motion and order to the contrary.

ELEVENTH—That during the proceedings of this House, upon the decision of any question, a division may be called for, and the names of the Members voting thereon shall be taken down, at the request of any one Member.

TWELFTH—That all Orders of the day, which 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 entrusted; 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 shall be entitled to enter the Clerk's copying Room, excepting Members of the Legislature, and the Law Clerk and Printer to this House.

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.