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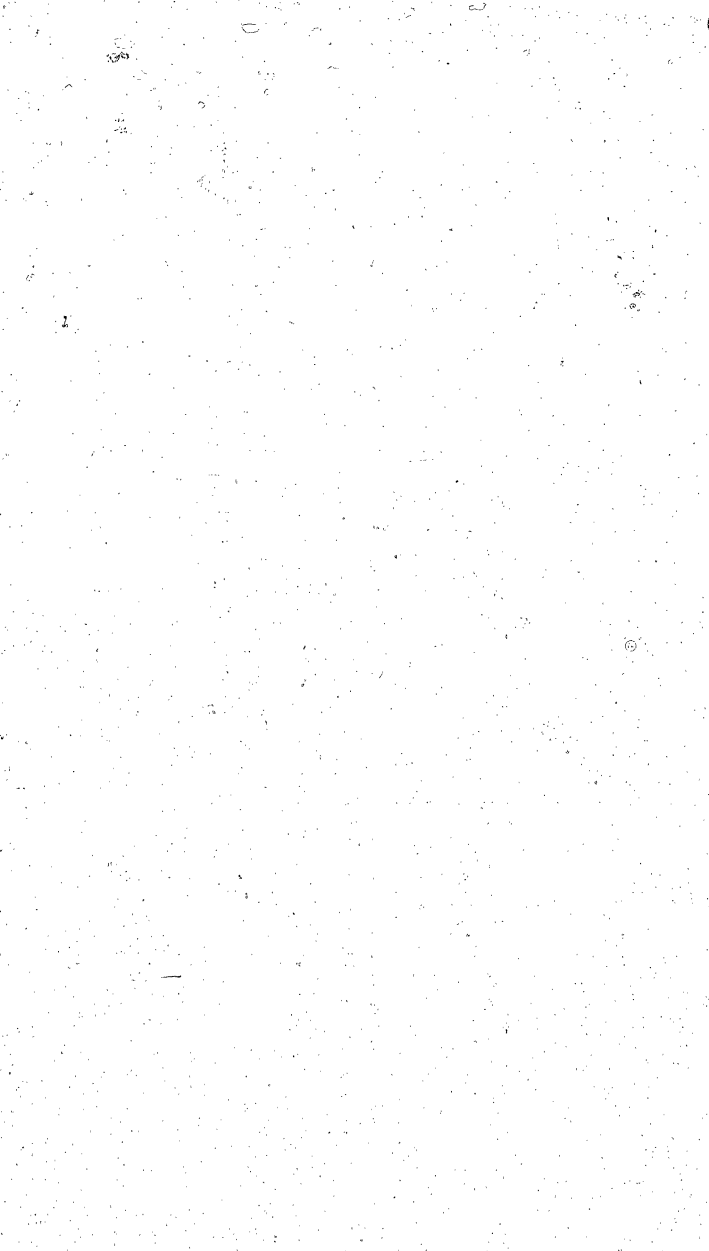
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STANDING  
RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS OF  
THE HOUSE.

1.

*Resolved*,—That this House do meet at three o'clock in the afternoon: and if at three o'clock there is not a QUORUM, Mr. Speaker may take the Chair and adjourn; but when the House rises on *Friday*, it shall stand adjourned to the following *Monday*.

2.

That when the House adjourns, the Members shall keep their seats until the Speaker leaves the Chair.

When members shall leave their seats.

3.

That whenever the Speaker is obliged to adjourn the House for want of a QUORUM, the

Names to be taken on adjourn-

ment for  
want of a  
Quorum.

the hour at which such adjournment is made, and the names of the Members then present, shall be inserted in the Journals.

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## QUORUM.

4.

Appear-  
ance of a  
Quorum.

That upon the appearance of a QUORUM the Speaker shall take the Chair, and the Members be called to order.

5.

Black Rod.

That the Speaker shall always take the Chair when the Black Rod is at the door, whatever the number of Members then present may be.

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## MINUTES.

6.

Minutes,  
when read.

That 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.

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**SPEAKER.**

7.

That the Speaker shall preserve Order and Decorum, and shall decide Questions of Order, subject to an appeal to the House. Order and decorum.

8.

That the Speaker shall not take part in any Debate or vote in any case, unless the House shall be equally divided.—He may give his reasons for so voting. He shall stand uncovered when addressing the House. Speaker, when to vote.

9.

That when the Speaker is called upon to explain a point of order or practice, he is to state the Rule applicable to the case, without argument or comment. Speaker explaining a point of order.

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**MEMBERS.**

10.

That every Member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker. Member speaking.

## 11.

Two or more members rising at once.

That when two or more Members rise at once, the Speaker shall name the Member who is first to speak ; and the other or others may appeal to the House if dissatisfied with the Speaker's decision, by the Question, "*Which Member was 'first up ?'*"

## 12.

When members may not vote.

That every Member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote thereon, unless the House shall excuse him, or unless he shall be personally interested in the question ; provided such interest be resolvable into a personal pecuniary profit, or such as is peculiar to the Member, and not in common with the interest of the subject at large, in which case he shall not vote.

## 13.

Order when the Speaker is putting a question.

That when the Speaker is putting a question, no Member shall walk out of, or across the House ; nor when a Member is speaking shall any Member hold discourse to interrupt



him, except to order, nor pass between him and the Chair.

## 14.

That a Member called to order shall sit down unless permitted to explain; and the House, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate; if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to.

Members called to order.

## 15.

That no Member shall speak disrespectfully of the Queen or any of the Royal Family, or Person administering the Government of this Province; nor shall he use unmannerly or indecent language against the proceedings of this House, or against particular Members; nor shall he speak beside the question in debate.

Disrespectful, unmannerly or indecent language, &c.

## 16.

That each Member may, of right, require the question or motion in discussion to be read for his information at any time of the debate, but not so as to interrupt a Member speaking

Member may demand that the question, &c. be read.

## 17.

Limitation  
of right of  
speaking.

That no Member shall speak more than once on the same question, without leave of the House, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misconceived; but then he is not to introduce new matter.

## 18.

On a pre-  
vious ques-  
tion.

That no Member shall speak more than once, without leave of the House, upon a previous question.

## 19.

House  
cleared of  
strangers.

That any Member may, at any time, desire the House to be cleared of strangers; and the Speaker shall immediately give directions to the Sergeant at Arms to execute the order, without debate.

## 20.

Members  
going out  
during sit-  
tings.

That it be recommended to every Member wishing to go out during the sittings, to inform the Sergeant at Arms of the place where he may be found, if wanted.

## 21.

That no Member during the Session shall absent himself for more than one sitting at a time, without an express leave of absence from the House.

Members  
absenting  
themselves

## 22.

That this House will not grant leave of absence to any Member; (unless that there are forty-three Members present in town,) but on the most urgent and accidental business specially stated to the House.

Leave of  
absence.

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 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## 23.

That the Master in Chancery attending the Legislative Council, be received, as their Messenger, at the Clerk's Table, the Members sitting; where he shall deliver such Message as he is charged with from the Legislative Council.

Messenger  
of the Le-  
gislative  
Council.

## 24.

Messages  
to the Le-  
gislative  
Council.

That all Messages from this House to the Honorable the Legislative Council, be sent by one Member of this House.

## 25.

Confer-  
ences with  
the Legis-  
lative  
Council.

That when this House shall judge it necessary to request a conference with the Legislative Council, the reasons to be given by this House upon the subject of the conference, shall be prepared and agreed to by the House, before a Messenger shall be appointed to make the said request.

## 26.

Messages  
from the  
Legisla-  
tive Coun-  
cil.

That Messages from the Honorable the Legislative Council, shall be received into this House as soon as announced by the Sergeant at Arms.

## 27.

Legisla-  
tive Coun-  
cillors  
attending  
the debates

That Legislative Councillors, desirous of hearing the debates, may have seats without the Bar, in a space to be set apart for that purpose, withdrawing when the House is cleared.

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 STRANGERS.

28.

That Strangers admitted into the House during its sittings, who make a noise or behave irregularly, shall be committed to the custody of the Sergeant at Arms, to await the judgment of the House.

Strangers  
behaving  
irregu-  
larly.

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 JOURNALS, &c.

29.

That copies of the Journals translated into the French Language, be laid on the table daily, for the use of the Members; and also copies of Speeches from the Throne, Addresses, Messages, and Entries of other transactions and deliberations of the House, when asked for by any two Members.

French  
copies of  
the Jour-  
nals, &c.

30.

That a copy of the Journals of this House be delivered to His Excellency the Governor, every morning of the day after the same has been read and approved of by the House, certified by the Clerk.

Copy of  
the Jour-  
nals for  
the Gov-  
ernor.

31.

Index to  
Journals.

That the Clerk do immediately make an Index to the Journals of the House, referring to the several matters therein contained, and that at the end of each Session of Parliament, he do make a like Index to the Journals.

32.

Legisla-  
tive Coun-  
cil may  
search  
Journals.

That until this House shall adopt the measure of having its proceedings printed daily, this House doth consent that the Legislative Council may cause the Journals of this House to be searched, in like manner as this House may, according to Parliamentary usage, search the Journals of the Legislative Council.

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RULES OF THE HOUSE.

33.

Rules how  
applied in  
Commit-  
tees of the  
whole.

That the Rules of the House shall be observed in a Committee of the whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the Rule limiting the number of times of speaking.

34.

That in all unprovided cases, resort shall be had to the Rules, Usages and Forms of Parliament, which shall be followed, until this House shall think fit to make a Rule applicable to such unprovided cases.

Unprovided cases.

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE.

35.

That upon a division in the House, the names of those who vote for, and of those who vote against the question, shall be entered upon the Minutes, if two Members require it.

Names when to be taken.

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS.

36.

That a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

Motion to adjourn.

37.

That a motion that the Chairman leave the Chair, shall always be in order, and shall take place of any other motion.

Motion that the Chairman leave the Chair.

## 38.

Motions  
how made,  
how read.

That no motion shall be debated or put, unless the same be in writing and seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be read in English and in French by the Speaker, if he is master of the two languages; if not, the Speaker shall read in either of the two languages most familiar to him; and the reading in the other language shall be at the table by the Clerk or his Deputy, before debate.

## 39.

Motion not  
to be with-  
drawn  
without  
leave.

That after a motion is read by the Speaker, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the House; but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment, with permission of the House.

## 40.

Motions on  
questions  
under de-  
bate.

That when a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to amend it, or commit it, or to postpone it to a certain day, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.



## 41.

That the Previous Question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment and debate of the main question; and shall be in the following words: "*Shall the main Question be now put?*"

Previous question.

## 42.

That a Motion for commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the main question.

Motions for commitment.

## 43.

That all questions, whether in Committee or in the House, shall be put in the order they are moved.

Order of questions.

## 44.

That no Motion prefaced by any preamble, shall be admitted in this House.

No motion to have a preamble.

## 45.

That every motion when seconded, ought to be received and read by the Speaker, except in the cases provided for by the Rules of this House.

Reception of motions.

46.

Motions  
contrary to  
rules or  
privileges.

That it shall be the duty of the Speaker, whenever he shall conceive that a motion which he has received and read, may be contrary to the Rules or Privileges of this House, to apprise the House thereof immediately, before the question on such motion is put, and to cite the Rule which is applicable to the case.

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## AID AND SUPPLY.

47.

Motions  
concern-  
ing aid  
and sup-  
ply, when  
and how  
to be con-  
sidered.

That if any motion be made in the House for any Public Aid, Subsidy, Duty or Charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereof shall not presently be entered upon, but adjourned till such further day as the House shall think fit to appoint; and then it shall be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and their opinion to be reported, before any Resolution or Vote of the House do pass thereupon.

## 48.

That all Aids and Supplies granted to Her Majesty by the Legislature of Canada, are the sole gift of the Assembly of this Province, and all Bills for granting such Aids and Supplies ought to begin with the Assembly, as it is the undoubted right of the Assembly to direct, limit, and appoint in all such Bills, the ends, purposes, considerations, conditions limitations and qualifications of such Grants which are not alterable by the Legislative Council.

Rights of the House touching Aids and Supplies.

## 49.

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

Its strict rights waived in certain cases.

and offences, and do not tend to lay a burthen on the subject, either as Aid or Supply to Her Majesty, or for any general or special purposes, by Rates, Tolls, Assessments or otherwise.

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## PUBLIC BILLS.

### 50.

Mode of  
introduc-  
ing Bills.

That every Public Bill shall be introduced by a motion for leave, specifying the title 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.

### 51.

Two read-  
ings.

That no Bill shall be committed or amended until it shall have been twice read.

### 52.

Amend-  
ments re-  
ported by  
Commit-  
tees.

That all amendments shall be reported to the House by the Chairman standing in his place. After report, the Bill shall be subjected to debate and amendment in the

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House, before the question to engross it shall be put.

## 53.

That every Bill shall receive three several readings, on different days, previous to its being passed, except in urgent and extraordinary occasions, when it may be read twice or thrice in one day.

Three readings on different days,—exception.

## 54.

That when a Bill is read in the House, Clerk shall certify the readings and the time on the back.

Readings how certified.

## 55.

That Bills committed to a Committee of the whole House, shall first be read throughout by the Clerk, and then read by the Chairman and debated by clauses, leaving the Preamble and Title to be last considered.

Bills how read in Committee of the whole.

## 56.

That when a Bill passes the House, Clerk shall certify the same, with the date thereof, at the foot of the Bill.

Bills passed by the House.

57.

Bills originating in Legislative Council.

That a similar mode of proceeding shall be observed with Bills which have originated in and passed the Legislative Council, as with Bills originating in this House.

58.

Certain duties assigned to the Law Clerk.

That it shall be the duty of the Law-Clerk of this House, to revise all Public Bills after the first reading, and that after such revision, he do mark his initials and certify on the indorsement of the said Bills, in red ink, that the same are correct; and that the said Law-Clerk be held responsible for the due performance of such duty, in obedience to this Resolution; and in order that he may be regularly apprized of the Bills that shall have been read for the first time, it shall be the duty of the senior Clerk of the Committees of this House, to provide him daily during the Session, with a List of the Bills that shall have been read for the first time, and of the day on which they shall be fixed for the second reading; and that in every succeeding stage of such Bills, the said Law-

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Clerk shall be also held responsible for the correctness of the said Bills, should amendments be made thereto, and he shall make a Breviat of every such Bill previous to the second reading thereof.

## 59

That all Bills, Public and Private, and Breviats and Abridgments thereof, be printed before the second reading, for the use of the Members of the Legislature, unless the House in certain cases dispense with such printing, with the exception nevertheless of certain Bills to continue the Acts or Bills of Reimbursements, or other short Bills, not introducing any important innovation, with the printing of which the Speaker may dispense.

Bills and  
Breviats to  
be printed  
—except-  
tion.

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 PRIVATE BILLS.

## 60.

That Bills of a private nature shall be introduced by a petition to be presented by a Member, and seconded.

Introduc-  
tion of Pri-  
vate Bills.

## 61.

To be pre-  
ceded in  
certain  
cases by  
Report of a  
Committee.

That no Bill be ordered or permitted to be brought in, or any Petition for any work proposed to be carried on by tolls or duties to be levied, by subjecting of particular places to the same, until such petition has been referred to a Committee, and they have examined the matter thereof, and reported the same to the House.

## 62.

Petitioners  
not to be  
heard until  
after such  
Report.

That whenever any Petition or Bill presented to the House, shall have been referred to a Committee to examine the matter thereof, and report the same as it shall appear to them, to the House, the House will not admit any Petitioners to be heard by themselves or Counsel, against such Petition or Bill, until the matter thereof shall have been first reported to the House.

## 63.

Sitting of  
any such  
Committee  
to be noti-  
fied.

That the Chairman of the Committee for any private Bill do not sit thereupon, without giving a week's notice thereof, set up in the Lobby.



## 64.

That all persons whose interest or property may be affected by any private Bill, shall appear in person before the Committee to give their consent, and if they cannot personally appear, they may send their consent in writing, which shall be proved before the Committee by one or more witnesses.

And persons interested to be heard before it.

## 65.

That when any Bill shall be brought into the House for confirming Letters Patent, there shall be a true copy of such Letters Patent annexed to the Bill.

Bills for confirming Letters Patent.

## 66.

That before any Petition is presented to this House, for leave to bring in a private Bill, whether for the erection of a Bridge or Bridges, for the regulation of a Common, for the making of any Turnpike Road, or for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive rights or privileges whatsoever, or for the alteration or renewing of any Act of the Provincial Parliament, for the like pur-

Petitions for Bills granting exclusive rights to be preceded by certain public notice.

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pose; notice of such application shall be given in one of the newspapers of the District, published in the English, and one in the French language, if any is published therein; and also by a notice affixed on the Church-doors of the Parishes or Townships that such application may affect, or in the most public place, where there is no Church, during two months at least before such Petition is presented.

67.

Time for  
receiving  
Petitions  
for Private  
Bills.

That hereafter this House will not receive any Petitions for Private Bills after the first fifteen days of each Session.

68.

Time for  
receiving  
Private  
Bills.

That this House will not receive any Private Bills except in the first twenty-four days of each Session.

69.

Time for  
receiving  
Reports on  
Private  
Bills.

That this House will not receive any Report of a Special Committee upon any such Private Bills, except within the first forty days of each Session.

## 70.

That before any Petition praying leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll-bridge, is presented to this House, the person or persons purposing to Petition for such Bill, shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the sixty-sixth Rule, also, at same time, and in the same manner, give a Notice, stating the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the Arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning whether they purpose to erect a Draw-bridge or not, and the dimensions of such Draw-bridge.

Notices (underrule No. 66.) relating to petitions for bridge Bills, to contain certain particulars.

## 71

That all the expenses and costs attending on private Bills giving any exclusive privilege or advantage, and the relative proceedings in this House thereon, ought not to fall upon the Public, and that it is just and reasonable that part of such expenses and costs should be supported by those who apply for

A certain sum to be deposited, before the second reading of a Private Bill.

the said Bills ; and that a sum not less than £20 be deposited in the hands of the Clerk of this House, by the Petitioners, before the second reading of any such Bills.

## 72.

Clerk to give notice of the time for receiving petitions for Private Bills, and reports, &c., thereon.

That the Clerk of this House be held, immediately after the issuing of the Proclamation convoking the Provincial Parliament for the dispatch of business, to announce in the Quebec Gazette, and other Newspapers published in this Province, until the opening of Parliament, the day on which the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire, according to the Rules of this House ; and that the said Clerk be also held to announce, by notice set up in the Special Committee Rooms, and in the Lobby of this House, by the first day of every Session, the days on which, according to the Rules of this House, the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, Reports on those Petitions, and Reports on the Bills upon those Petitions, are to expire.

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 PETITIONS, &c.

## 73.

That Petitions, Memorials and other papers addressed to the House, shall be presented by a Member in his place, who shall be answerable to this House that they do not contain improper or impertinent matter.

Petitions,  
how pre-  
sented.

## 74.

That whenever a Petition tending to incorporate any number of persons to carry on any commerce or trade, is presented to this House, such of the Members of this House who are to become incorporated in consequence of such Petition to carry on such commerce or trade, are personally interested in all questions that may arise upon such Petition, and in any after proceedings that may take place upon it.

Members  
interested  
in petitions  
for certain  
corporate  
powers.

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 PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE.

## FORM OF READING.

75.

Papers before the House or a Committee, how to be read.

That Papers laid before this House, or referred to a Committee for their consideration, are of right to be read once by the Clerk or Chairman at the table, but when once read to the House, or Committee, they are then, like every other Paper that belongs to the House, to be moved for to be read, and if objected to, to be decided by taking the sense of the House or Committee.

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 COMMITTEES.

76.

Committee of the whole House, how formed.

That in forming a Committee of the whole House, the Speaker shall leave the Chair, and shall before leaving the same appoint a Chairman to preside, who shall have the same authority in the Chair of the Committee as the Speaker in the Chair of the House, and in other Committees the Chairman shall have the same authority.

## 77.

That the mode of appointing a Special Committee, shall be first to determine the number it shall consist of, then each Member naming one, which shall be written down by the Clerk; those who have most voices shall be taken successively, until that the number is completed; and if any difficulty should arise by two or more having an equal number of voices, the sense of the House shall be taken as to the preference; but it shall be always understood, that no Member who declares himself or divides against the body or substance of the Bill, motion or matter to be committed, upon any of the Readings thereof, can be nominated to be of a Committee upon such Bill, motion or matter; or the mover may submit the names of the Members to form the Committee, and if not objected to by the House, the Members so nominated shall compose the Committee.

Special Committees, mode of appointing.

## 78.

That every Member who shall introduce a Bill, Petition, or Motion upon any subject

Member introducing the

matter referred, to be one of the Committee.

which may be referred to a Committee, shall be one of the Committee without being named by the House.

## 79.

Quorum of a Special Committee.

That of the number of Members appointed to compose a Committee, such number thereof as shall be equal to a majority of the whole number chosen, shall be a QUORUM competent to proceed to business in all cases, where the number to form such QUORUM shall not be specially fixed in the motion of appointment.

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 MESSENGERS.

## 80.

Mode of appointing Messengers.

That the Speaker of this House shall appoint all Messengers; but it shall be always understood, that the Member who moves for the Message shall of right be one of the number of Messengers, and that any Member who shall declare himself, or divides against the said Message, or against the subject thereof, cannot be appointed to be one of the Messengers.



ORDERS OF THE DAY.

81.

That the Order of the Day shall have preference to any motion before the House. To have preference to motions.

82.

That it be a Standing Rule of this House, that when any Order or Orders of the Day shall be lost by a Committee of the whole House breaking up for want of a QUORUM, or by the House adjourning for want of a QUORUM, the Order or Orders so lost, shall be taken up in succession, as the first business to be proceeded on, at the next meeting of the House. Orders lost for want of a Quorum.

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PRIVILEGES.

83.

That whenever any matter of privilege arises, it shall be immediately taken into consideration. Questions of privilege.

## LIBRARY.

84.

Catalogue  
to be made

That a proper Catalogue of the Books belonging to the Library be kept by the Librarians, in whom the custody and responsibility thereof shall be vested; and who shall be required to report to the House, through Mr. Speaker, at the opening of each Session, the actual state of the Library.

85.

Place for  
the Libra-  
ry.

That no person whatsoever shall be entitled to resort to the Books during a Session of Parliament, except the Governor of the Province, the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and Legislative Assembly, and the Officers of the two Houses for the time being, and such other persons as may receive a written order of admission from a Member of the House.

86.

Access to  
the Libra-  
ry. Who  
may take  
books  
from it.

That during a Session of Parliament, no Books belonging to the Library be permitted to be taken out of the building, except upon receipts given by a Member of either House.

## 87.

That during the recess of Parliament the Library shall be open every day in each week, Sundays and Holidays excepted, from the hour of ten in the morning until three in the afternoon; and that access thereto be permitted to persons introduced by a Member of the House, or admitted at the discretion of the Clerk or one of the Librarians, subject to such regulations as may be deemed necessary for the security and preservation of the collection; but that no one shall be allowed to take any Book out of the Library, except Members of the House, and such persons as may be authorized by the Speaker, or, in his absence, by the Clerk of the House, or by one of the Librarians.

Clerk to  
report on  
the Libra-  
ry.

## 88.

That the Clerk of this House be authorized to import annually the continuation of Periodical Works in the Library.

Periodical  
works.

## OFFICE HOURS.

89.

Hours of  
Office.

That the hours of attendance of the respective Officers of this House and the Extra Clerks employed during the Session, be from nine in the forenoon until noon, and from one in the afternoon until eight o'clock, and from thence until the business of the day be completed.

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## VACANCIES IN THE OFFICES.

90.

Inquiry  
previous to  
filling any  
vacancy.

That before filling any vacancy in the Offices of this House, enquiry be made touching the necessity of such Office, the amount of the salary and emoluments thereunto annexed, and the fixing such salary *de novo* at every change.

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

91.

That the Clerk of this House do lay before this House in the course of each Session, a general table of the Imports and Exports of this Province, taken from the returns which may be laid before this House by order of His Excellency the Governor in Chief; that the said Clerk do also lay before this House next Session a similar table for the seven last years, and that he do cause the said table to be printed, in order that the same be added to the Appendix to the Journals of next year, and that in each succeeding year he do cause to be printed a similar table, to be in like manner inserted in the Appendix to the Journals of those periods.

Tables of Imports and Exports to be prepared by the Clerk, and printed.



# STANDING ORDERS

OF THE

## HOUSE.

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I. THAT the Clerk of this House be authorized to subscribe for the Newspapers published in this Province, for the purpose of being laid on the table of the Library, and to complete the files already therein, for the use of Members.

Clerk to  
subscribe  
for news-  
papers.

*Journal of 1841, p. 22.*

II. That the ordinary routine of the daily proceedings in this House, in the transaction of business, be as follows (after reading the Minutes of the preceding day):

Routine  
proceed-  
ings.

Bringing up Petitions.

Third reading of Bills and Addresses.

Reading Petitions.

Referring Petitions.

Notices to be given.

Presenting Reports (by Standing and Select Committees.)

Orders of the Day.

*Journal of 1841, p. 96.*

Orders of each day to be prepared.

III. That the Clerk of this House be directed to lay on the Speaker's table, every morning, previous to the meeting of the House, the order of the proceedings for the day; that a copy of the same be hung up in the lobby, for the information of Members.

*Journal of 1841, p. 96.*

Permanent Officers to complete the work.

IV. That it shall be the duty of the Officers of this House (including the Clerk and Clerk Assistant) to complete and finish the work remaining at the close of each Session.

*Journal of 1841, p. 205.*

Clerk to have control over the Clerks and Servants.

V. That the Clerk of this House be held responsible for the safe keeping of all the Papers and Records of this House, and have the direction and control over all the Clerks and Servants employed in the Office, subject to such orders as he may, from time to time, receive from Mr. Speaker and the House.

*Journal of 1841, p. 510.*



VI. That by the 89th Rule of this House the hours of attendance are defined, and that no charges for extra hours be allowed to be made by any person employed by, or in attendance on the same.

No charges  
for extra  
hours.

*Journal of 1843, p. 179.*

VII. That the Clerk of this House be authorized to pay out of the Contingent Fund to witnesses summoned to attend before any Select Committee of the House, the sum of ten shillings per diem, during their attendance, and a reasonable allowance for travelling expenses, upon any certificate or order of the Chairman of the Committee before which such witnesses have been summoned. (*Vide infra*, XIV. also "*Recommendations*," 1849.)

Payment  
of wit-  
nesses.

*Journal of 1843, p. 179.*

VIII. That all Bills and documents submitted to the consideration of this House, be printed in each of the English and French languages, in equal proportions.

Bills, &c.,  
to be  
printed in  
English  
and  
French.

*Journal of 1844-5, p. 84.*

IX. That no allowance will in future be made to any person in the employ of this

No allow-  
ance for

travelling  
expenses.

House, who may not reside at the seat of Government, for travelling expenses in coming to attend his duties.

*Journal of 1844-5, p. 426.*

Prece-  
dence of  
Orders of  
the Day.

X. That all measures standing on the Orders of the Day be taken up according to the precedence they originally held when placed on the Order of the Day Book.

*Journal of 1846, p. 135.*

Members  
to present  
Reports  
in their  
places.

XI. That members of this House be permitted to make Reports from Select Committees of which they may be chairmen, standing in their places, and without proceeding to the Bar of the House, anything in the 34th Rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Journal of 1846, p. 265.*

Persons  
dissatisfied  
with their  
salaries  
may retire.

XII. That any Officer or Servant of the House who may consider his services inadequately paid by the amount of salary fixed in the Schedule (p. 332, printed Journal), be allowed to retire from the service of the House; and that the Clerk (with the approbation of the Speaker) be authorized to fill the vacancy.

*Journal of 1846, p. 332.*

XIII. That the Honorable the Judges of the Courts of Queen's Bench in this Province be henceforth furnished with a copy of the Journals and Appendices of this House.

Journals to be supplied to the Judges.

*Journal of 1846, p. 339.*

XIV. That no witness shall be paid for his or her attendance to give evidence before any Select Committee, unless the said witness attend by order of this House, or unless a certificate from some Member of such Committee be filed with the Chairman thereof, stating that the evidence to be obtained from such witness is, in his opinion, material and important in the investigation of the merits of the subject matter referred to such Committee, and which said certificate the said Chairman is hereby required to file with the Clerk of this House, before any such witness shall be entitled to payment for his attendance; and when the Chairman gives his certificate he shall file the same with the said Clerk before any witness can be paid as aforesaid.

Certificates required for payment of witnesses.

*Journal of 1849, p. 147.*

Bills for  
U. C. only,  
not to be  
printed in  
French.

XV. That in future no Bills be printed in both languages having reference exclusively to Upper Canada, and that such Bills be printed in English alone, with French marginal notes, unless otherwise required by any one Member of the House.

*Journal of 1849, p. 194.*

Sessional  
Printing.

XVI. That no work be paid for at the rate of Sessional Printing which is not delivered to the House during the Session; and that any work not so delivered shall be paid for at the rate allowed for the printing of the Journals and Appendix.

*Journal of 1849, p. 194.*

Sessional  
Printing.

XVII. That the contractors for the Sessional Printing shall be entitled to perform such work as is delivered to them during the Session; and that no portion of the work intended to form part of the Appendix shall be so delivered, unless it appears to the Clerk of the House that it can be executed during the Session.

*Journal of 1849, p. 194.*

XVIII. That in case extra copies of any portion of the Appendix which cannot be delivered during the Session, be required, the same shall be furnished by the contractors for the Appendix, at their contract price.

Extra  
copies of  
portions of  
Appendix.

*Journal of 1849, p. 194.*

XIX. That it is expedient so to amend the Rules of this House, as that no private or personal Bill be read a third time, until the party interested shall have delivered to the Clerk a certificate from the Queen's Printer, that the cost of printing 150 copies of the Act for the Government has been paid or secured to him.

150 copies  
of private  
Acts to be  
printed by  
the parties.

*Journal of 1849, p. 333.*

# RECOMMENDATIONS

(OF THE NATURE OF STANDING ORDERS)

CONTAINED IN

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE.

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1842.

Form of  
printing  
Journals.

“That the Journals and Appendices be hereafter printed upon paper of the same size and quality as that used in printing the Journals of the House of Commons for the year 1838; and that the matter be arranged in double columns upon each page, as in that Journal, with brief marginal notes, and in the same type.

Extra  
copies of  
Sessional  
Papers for  
Legislative  
Council.

“That in printing the Public Accounts, and other documents usually printed by both Houses, a sufficient extra number be also struck off, for the Honorable the Legislative Council.”

*Adopted on 1st Rep. of Committee on Printing, pp. 60, 93.*

1844-5.

“ That for the future no Bill be introduced (into the House) either in blank, or only in part completed.”

No Bills to be presented in blank.

*Adopted on 2nd Rep. of Com. on Printing, pp. 105, 136.*

1849.

“ That all Letters, Correspondence, and Papers, forwarded by Members, and chargeable against the Contingencies of the House, do pass through the office thereof.”

Postage of Members.

*Adopted on 1st Rep. of Contingent Committee, p. 46.*

“ That in future the Clerk shall not engage, nor put on pay, at the outset of a Session, any more writers than may be necessary for the time being, taking on others as the increase of business may require the assistance of the supernumeraries,”—“ and that no extra writers whatever, after the present Session, be employed at any greater rate than 10s. per day; and also, that no person hereafter taken into the service of the House as a Messenger, be paid at a higher rate than 5s. per day.”

Employment of extra writers.

Pay of do.

Pay of Messengers.

*Adopted on 5th Rep. of Contingent Com. pp. 268, 290.*

Payment  
of wit-  
nesses dis-  
continued.

Exception.

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“ That the custom of paying persons summoned before Committees for examination, be discontinued, and that no moneys be paid to such persons, except in very special cases.”

*Adopted on 7th Rep. of Contingent Com., p. 362.*



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