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RULES AND ORDERS
OF THE
SOCIETY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION.

RESOLVED;

I. THAT constitutional tracts, tending to revive in the minds of the commonalty at large a knowledge of their lost rights; particularly such as respect the election and duration of the representative body, and to impress them with a sense of their importance, be distributed at the expence of the society, and under its direction.

II. That this society be unlimited in its numbers; and that no one be deemed a member who hath not subscribed and paid *at least* one guinea towards its expence; which subscription is to be paid annually: but if any person choose to compound by paying down thirty guineas, he shall be deemed a perpetual member.

III. That the officers of this society do consist of a president, three vice-presidents, a treasurer, and a secretary, to be elected in manner herein-after mentioned.

IV. That it be the business of the secretary to enter, with regularity and correctness, the resolutions and proceedings of the society, in proper books to be provided for that purpose; to give the necessary directions for printing, either in the news-papers or otherwise, the different publications ordered by the society, and in the manner prescribed by them; to issue the notices and summonses that shall be judged necessary for convening the society, or any committees of it, which may be appointed; to cause the publications of the society to be distributed in the manner prescribed by the society, or by the sub-committee appointed for regulating the distribution of their publications; and to write such letters as he shall receive directions for from the society.

V. That a committee, open to all the members of the society, shall sit by adjournments every week from the first Friday in October to the last Friday in June, both inclusive, and once a fortnight in the months of July, August, and September, unless urgent business render more frequent meetings necessary; and that the said committee have power to appoint sub-committees for the purpose of managing any special business, whose proceedings shall be reported to the open committee, and be subject to its controul.

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VI. That the chair be taken at seven o'clock precisely, after which no tea, coffee, or wine shall be permitted in the society; and that no fresh paper shall be begun to be read, or new business introduced, after nine, unless in a case that, in the opinion of the majority present, shall require more than ordinary expedition.

VII. That the society hold at least three general meetings in the year; viz. the first on the second Friday in February, the second on the last Friday in April, and the third on the last Friday in November, at seven o'clock in the evening precisely; and that notice of these meetings be given by the secretary to each member resident within the bills of mortality.

VIII. That no business be done at any general meeting, unless nine members at least are present; nor in any open committee, in which there are less than six; and that the committee, the president, two vice-presidents, or any five members be empowered to call a general meeting, whenever they shall judge it necessary.

IX. That five auditors of accounts be appointed from among the members at the second and third ordinary general meeting in each year, any three of whom shall have power to examine, order, and pass the treasurer's accounts.

X. That there be a general audit of the treasurer's accounts twice in every year; viz. on the second Wednesday in December, and the second Wednesday in May; and on those days the members of the society shall dine together at four o'clock at such central place as the treasurer shall appoint; and that after dinner one of the auditors shall read a summary state of the accounts that day audited; and on those audit dinners each member shall have the privilege to bring with him a friend, provided his name be sent to the treasurer at least two days before; and that the president, vice-presidents, and treasurer be at liberty to introduce each two friends to the dinner.

XI. That any person, who shall be judged to have performed any important service to the public or this society, in the cause for which it was instituted, may be elected an honorary member at a general meeting, provided he shall have been proposed and seconded at some preceding meeting of the committee.

XII. That at the second ordinary general meeting in every year, the first business which shall be entered upon, after

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after reading the minutes of the preceding meeting (unless there be a proposal for the election of an honorary member, which shall always take place of any other business) shall be the election of the officers by ballot for the year ensuing.

XIII. That all new members be chosen by ballot, either in the open committee or at a general meeting; but that no new member be chosen in any meeting of the society at which there are not nine members present.

XIV. That no person be proposed to be a member of this society, unless he be recommended by one member, and the proposal be seconded by another; and that any candidate having three negatives, be thereby rendered incapable of being elected for one year; but lest such negatives should have been given through mistake, a second ballot shall be had in those cases, provided it be immediately demanded.

XV. That if any person be thought an improper member, he may be expelled on a ballot by a majority of the society present at a general meeting, provided notice of such intended motion for such expulsion shall have been given at some preceding committee, and a minute made thereof.

XVI. In any debate which may arise in the society, those gentlemen who have not spoken, and who are inclined to speak, shall always be heard before those who have spoken once; and those who have spoken once only, before those who have spoken twice; and no gentleman shall be permitted to speak more than five minutes at a time.

XVII. That in all questions in which the members of this society present shall be equally divided, the president or chairman shall have a casting vote.

XVIII. That the four usual days of payment of subscriptions to the treasurer of this society be Lady-day, Midsummer-day, Michaelmas-day, and Christmas-day; and that the subscription of each member be deemed due, and be paid, on or before the first quarter day after his election.

XIX. That all books and papers belonging to the society be kept locked up by the secretary when not in use; but that any member may inspect them on applying to the secretary.

XX. That no tract already printed, or extract from any printed book, be published by the society until it has been read and approved of at two several meetings by a majority

majority of the committee; nor any original manuscript, until it has been read and approved at three such meetings by two thirds of the members present; their opinion to be taken by ballot if required.

XXI. That to prevent impositions on the public, there shall be printed the following words on the title and last page of every publication amounting to a sheet or more, *Printed and distributed GRATIS by the society for constitutional information, unless where particular directions to the contrary shall be given by the society.*

XXII. That no alteration or addition to the preceding rules be valid, until such alteration or addition shall have been read at, and approved by two general meetings.

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