

# Rules of Civility & Decent Behaviour In Company and Conversation

- 1<sup>st</sup> Every Action done in Company, ought to be with some sign of respect, to those that are present.
- 2<sup>d</sup> When in Company, put not your Hands to any part of the Body, nor usually Discovered.
- 3<sup>d</sup> Show Nothing to your Friend that may affright him.
- 4<sup>th</sup> In the presence of Others sing not to yourself with a humming Noise, nor Drum with your Fingers or Feet.
- 5<sup>th</sup> If you Cough, Sneeze, Sigh, or Yawn, do it not Loud but Privately; and speak not in your yawning, but put your handkerchief or Hand before your face and turn aside.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sleep not when others speak, sit not when others stand, speak not when you should hold your Peace, walk not on when others sit.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Put not off your Cloaths in the presence of Others, nor go out your Chamber half Dress'd.
- 8<sup>th</sup> At Play and at Fire sit Good manners to give place to the last Comer, and affect not to speak louder than ordinary.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sit not in the Fire, nor stoop low before it, neither put your Hands to the Stoves to warm them, nor set your Feet upon the Fire especially if there be meat before it.
- 10<sup>th</sup> When you sit down, keep your Feet firm and Even, without pulling one on the other or Crossing them.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Shift not yourself in the sight of others nor gnaw your nails.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Shake not the head, Feet, or Legs nor let the Eyes lift nor one eye be one higher than the other, nor the mouth, and beew no merriment with your Spittle, by any