

It seems to be historically established that a Freeman of a Company may not be clothed with the Livery unless he is first admitted a Freeman of the City. Therefore the admission to the Freedom of the City must take place after the election to the Freedom of the Company (without which the candidate cannot be a Freeman of the City) and before admission to the Livery.

It is suggested by the Memorandum issued by the Fellowship of Clerks that the simplest method of providing for the election of a candidate without the necessity of his waiting for three Courts, i.e. election, admission to the Freedom and Admission to the Livery, is for Companies by resolution to give their Master and Wardens general power to admit to the Freedom of the Company out of Court i.e. shortly after election. The candidate will make his declaration before the Master and Wardens alone and will be admitted by them to the Freedom of the Company and he will then be enabled to take up the Freedom of the City before the next following Court, at which he can then properly be admitted to the Livery. I see no objection to this suggestion, if the Court approves.

Two other matters in which our procedure ought to be revised are:

- (i) The "Livery" should comprise a hood of the Company's colours besides the Gown. (This applies whenever the Livery is worn)
- (ii) The candidate on admission to the Livery should