

Council, after conferring with his Excellency, said—

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I am commanded by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you, that he hath so good an opinion of your integrity, diligence, and sufficiency, for executing the important office into which you are elected, that his Excellency is perfectly satisfied with the choice which the House of Assembly have made, and doth allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.

Mr. Speaker thereupon addressed his Excellency to the following effect:—

May it please your Excellency:

As you have been pleased to approve of the choice of the House of Assembly in appointing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty as such, to request of your Excellency, as the privilege of the House, that the Members thereof during the Session may be freed from molestation—that they may have freedom of speech in their debates—have the power of punishing their own members—and have free access to your Excellency on all occasions; and I do also, in their name and behalf, beg leave to claim all their ancient rights and privileges.

The President of his Majesty's Council then replied—

I am commanded by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to say, that his Excellency, being fully assured of the prudence, loyalty, and good affection of the House of Assembly, does most willingly grant to them all their privileges, in as full a manner as they have been at any time granted by his Excellency or any former Governor of this Island.

The House having returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House attended the Licut. Governor this day in the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to deliver a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had procured a copy, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

WITH feelings of deep sorrow I announce to you the demise of our late lamented Sovereign King George the Fourth, by which the Crown has devolved on His Most Gracious Majesty King William the Fourth.

The late Provincial Parliament was, in consequence, dissolved, and I lost no time in directing Writs to be issued for the election of a new Assembly, and I feel much satisfaction in now meeting you in your legislative capacity.

It affords me heartfelt pleasure to be enabled to congratulate you on the abundance of the late harvest, and on that spirit of improvement which evidently appears dawning on the Agriculture of the Colony—a branch of industry in all ages considered the main source of wealth and individual happiness.

I feel equal satisfaction in being also enabled to congratulate you on a material increase in the Revenue over the receipts of last year.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The Public Accounts will be laid before you; and I rely on your good feeling and judgment in making such provision for the current year as the Public Service may require.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

Persuaded by experience that when a spirit of cordiality is preserved between the several Branches of the Legislature, the true interests of the Colony are best promoted—I recommend

to you a cultivation and continuance of the harmony which pervaded the last Session of the General Assembly; and I have no doubt the result of your united deliberations will prove beneficial to the country.

On motion of *Mr. Donald Macdonald*, seconded by *Mr. Green—William Cullen*, Esq. was chosen Clerk of this House, who thereafter took the customary Oaths and his seat.

On motion of *Mr. Owen*, the Reverend *Louis C. Jenkins* was appointed Chaplain to the House—which appointment the Clerk was directed to intimate to him, and to desire his attendance to read Prayers each morning before the House proceeds to business.

On motion of *Mr. H. M'Donald*, *Mr. John Robinson* was appointed Sergeant at Arms.

On motion of *Mr. Brennan*, *Mr. George Mabey* was appointed Messenger to the House.

Ordered, that the Sergeant at Arms do appoint a fit and proper person to be Door Keeper.

The following Rules were read, and ordered to be the Standing Rules of the House.

FIRST.—That Eight Members and the Speaker make a quorum, to act as if all the Members were present, and to proceed to any Business.

SECOND.—That four 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 be three times aloud and distinctly read.