

A Commission having issued under the Great Seal, bearing date the twentieth day of January instant, appointing Ward Chipman, William Botsford, James Carter, and Robert Parker, Esquires, Commissioners for the duly qualifying the said Members; the Honorable James Carter, one of the Commissioners named in the said Commission, attended, and administered the Oaths to the following Members, who thereupon subscribed the Declaration:—

John Allen,  
James Taylor,  
Lemuel A. Wilmot,  
Charles Fisher,  
Robert L. Hazen,  
Lewis Burns,  
Charles Simonds,  
John R. Partelow,  
John Jordan,  
Robert Payne,  
Philip Palmer,  
John Smith,  
William Hazen Botsford,  
Daniel Hanington,  
Robert Thomson,  
James Boyd,  
George Stilman Hill,

James Brown,  
Samuel Freeze,  
Sylvester Z. Earle,  
John Earle,  
Thomas Gilbert,  
William Scoullar,  
Whitehead S. Barker,  
Charles Perley,  
Jeremiah M. Connell,  
Alexander Rankin,  
John T. Williston,  
John Wesley Weldon,  
David Wark,  
William End,  
Joshua Alexandre,  
Andrew Barberie,  
Peter Stewart.

A Message was then received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Beverley H. Jouett, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

The House attended accordingly, when the Honorable William Black, acting President of the Legislative Council, said—

*“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and  
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

“I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to inform you, that he doth not think it expedient to declare the causes for which he has summoned this General Assembly until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly. It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Assembly, do repair to the place where your Sittings are usually held, and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker, and that you present the person who shall be so chosen to His Excellency for his approbation.”

And the House being returned—

Mr. Partelow, a Member from the County of Saint John, addressing himself to the Clerk, said—

“MR. WETMORE,

“Having been commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to elect a Speaker, I rise to address you, as Clerk, for the purpose of nominating the Honorable John Wesley Weldon to fill that important office.

“Possessing Conservative Principles and a thorough knowledge of the Constitution,—intimately acquainted with the forms and proceedings of Parliament,—and endowed with abilities of no ordinary character; I consider him admirably well qualified to hold the proud position of the first Commoner in New Brunswick, and I hope that a majority of this House will sustain me in that opinion:—

“I therefore move that he take the Chair.”

Mr. End, a Member from the County of Gloucester, then addressed the Clerk, and said:—

“That in seconding the motion of the Honorable Member for the County of Saint John, he should cheerfully respond to the sentiments expressed by that Gentleman in reference to Mr. Weldon:—His intimate knowledge of Parliamentary usages had become proverbial in the House, and his firmness upon every occasion, where the  
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