

A Committee of His Majesty's Council, came about One o'Clock into the House, where the Members of the *House of Assembly*, usually sit, and the several following Members who appeared, took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration in their presence, viz.

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| COUNTY of HALIFAX : | { <i>Jonathan Sterns,</i> <i>James Michael Freke Bulkeley,</i> <i>Lawrence Hartshorne,</i> <i>Michael Wallace,</i> | } Esqrs. |
| COUNTY of CUMBERLAND : | { <i>William Freeman,</i> <i>Samuel Embrie,</i> | } Esqrs. |
| COUNTY of LUNENBURG : | <i>John William Schwartz,</i> | Esqr. |
| COUNTY of ANNAPOLIS : | { <i>Thomas Millidge,</i> <i>James Moody,</i> | } Esqrs. |
| COUNTY of HANTS : | { <i>Hector Maclean,</i> <i>William Coinam Tonge,</i> | } Esqrs. |
| KING's COUNTY : | { <i>Jonathan Crane,</i> <i>Elisha Dewolf,</i> | } Esqrs. |
| TOWN of HALIFAX : | { <i>John George Pyke,</i> <i>William Cochran,</i> | } Esqrs. |
| TOWN of TRURO : | <i>Matthew Archibald,</i> | } Esqrs. |
| TOWN of ONSLOW : | <i>Charles Dickson,</i> | |
| TOWN of LONDONDERRY : | <i>Robert McElbinney,</i> | |
| TOWN of AMHERST : | <i>Thomas Lushby,</i> | |
| TOWN of ANNAPOLIS : | <i>Thomas Barclay,</i> | |
| TOWN of LIVERPOOL : | <i>Samuel Hart,</i> | |
| TOWN of FALMOUTH : | <i>Jeremiah Northup,</i> | |
| TOWN of WINDSOR : | <i>John M^o Monagle,</i> | |
| TOWN of NEWPORT : | <i>Shubael Dimock,</i> | |
| TOWN of GRANVILLE : | <i>Alexander Howe,</i> | |
| TOWN of DIGBY : | <i>Henry Rutherford,</i> | |
| TOWN of HORTON : | <i>Samuel Leonard,</i> | |
| TOWN of CORNWALLIS : | <i>William Baxter,</i> | |

After which, a Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, commanding the immediate Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly the House went up to attend His Excellency, when the President of his Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's Direction, said,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to command me, that it is his Pleasure, that you do immediately repair to the Place where the *House of Assembly* of *Nova-Scotia*, usually sit, and there chuse a fit Person to be your Speaker, and that you do inform His Excellency of your Proceedings hereon.

And the House being returned,

Thomas Barclay and *Jonathan Sterns*, Esquires, were proposed Candidates for the Chair.

The Members present, unanimously expressed their entire Approbation of the Merits and Abilities of both Gentlemen, but as their Wishes for both, could not be gratified, Mr. *Wallace*, Member for the County of *Halifax* hoped, that one or other of the Gentlemen would withdraw, and save the Members the pain of Balloting; upon which Mr. *Sterns* declared, that the high Respect and Esteem he had for Mr. *Barclay*,