

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly, agreeably to Your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected Ambrose Shea, Esq., Member for the District of Burin; and by their direction, I beg leave to present him for Your Excellency's approbation.

Mr. Speaker presented to His Excellency the Governor.

Whereupon,

The Hon. the PRESIDENT of the Legislative Council, addressing Mr. Speaker, said :—Ambrose Shea, Esq. : I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that His Excellency approves of the choice which the House of Assembly have made of you to be their Speaker.

Mr. Speaker approved of by His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER then addressed His Excellency to the following effect :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the choice the House of Assembly have made of me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty, in name of the Representatives of Her Majesty's Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland, respectfully to demand all their accustomed rights and privileges—that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, that they may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament, and that I, as their Speaker, may have free access to Your Excellency's person.

Mr. Speaker demands customary privileges.

Whereupon,

The Hon. the PRESIDENT of the Legislative Council said, by command of His Excellency the Governor :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

I am directed by His Excellency to assure you that he will extend to you and the House of Assembly, the amplest and fullest privileges which have been granted to your predecessors.

His Excellency grants the customary privileges.

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair, Mr. Speaker reported, that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Branches of the Legislature, of which, Mr. Speaker said, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy, and which he read to the House as follows :

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency the Governor's Speech.