

*Gentlemen,*

It is His Excellency's the Lieutenant-Governor's pleasure, that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person as your Speaker, and that you present such person whom you shall so choose immediately for His Excellency's approbation.

And the House being returned,

Mr. Pyke then proposed Simon Bradstreet Robie, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor General, and Member for the County of Halifax; and Mr. Shaw proposed Thomas Ritchie, Esq. Member for the County of Annapolis; for their Speaker; and the choice of the House having fallen upon Mr. Solicitor General, he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred upon him by the House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by Mr. Pyke, and conducted to, and placed in, the Chair accordingly.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Secretary George, commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker elect was presented to His Excellency by Mr. Pyke, Member for the Town of Halifax, who addressed His Excellency as follows:

*May it please your Excellency,*

The House of Assembly, agreeably to your Excellency's Commands, have proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and their choice having fallen upon His Majesty's Solicitor-General, Simon Bradstreet Robie, Esq. I have the honour of presenting him to your Excellency, for your approbation.

After which His Excellency was pleased to say:

I approve of the Speaker which the House of Assembly have chosen.

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and that he had spoken to the following effect:

*May it please your Excellency,*

The customary privileges of the Commons of Nova-Scotia having already been confirmed to the Members of this House of Assembly, by your Excellency's Predecessor, on their behalf I have nothing to solicit.

For myself, I have to hope that the same goodness which has induced your Excellency to approve of the choice which has been made of me to be the Speaker of this Assembly, will also lead your Excellency to put the most favorable construction upon my conduct, in discharging the duties of this high office.

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