

desire so to exercise the prerogatives of the crown as to draw from your legislative labors the highest guarantee that while promoting the happiness of her subjects I shall secure the approbation of my sovereign.

Mr. Doyle, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for the relief of insolvent debtors—
and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Insolvent debtors bill presented.

Mr. Speaker announced to the house that, during the recess, he had received a communication from Joseph Whidden, esquire, clerk of the house, setting forth that it was necessary that he should proceed to a warmer climate, during the winter, for the benefit of his health, and requesting the speaker to grant him leave of absence for the present session; and that in consequence of such communication leave of absence had been granted to Mr. Whidden, subject to the confirmation of the house; and thereupon, on motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Leave of absence to Mr. Whidden reported.

• *Resolved*, That such leave of absence to Mr. Whidden be agreed to by the house.

Confirmed by house.

The house then proceeded to the choice of a temporary clerk in the place of Joseph Whidden, esquire, absent on leave; and thereupon,

Choice of clerk.

On motion of the hon. the attorney general, *resolved*, that Henry C. D. Twining, esquire, clerk assistant, be the clerk of this house during the present session; and he took the oath of office accordingly.

H. C. D. Twining chosen.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the house that having, during the recess, received official information that a vacancy had taken place in the representation for the county of King's, by the death of John C. Hall, esquire, late one of the representatives for that county, he, the speaker, had, pursuant to law, required that a writ might be issued to supply such vacancy.

Vacancy in representation for King's county reported.

The hon. the provincial secretary then delivered in a writ directed to the sheriff of the county of King's, for the election of a representative for that county, with the return of such sheriff thereto—and the same being respectively read, it appeared by such return that Mayhew Beckwith, esquire, had been duly elected and returned as a representative for that county.

Writ for King's county, and return.

Mayhew Beckwith, esquire, returned duly elected as a representative for the county of King's, took the oath of allegiance in the presence of the honorables Hugh Bell and Edward Kenny, the commissioners appointed to administer the same, and then took his seat as such member.

Mr. Beckwith sworn in.

Mr. Archibald then proposed the following address in answer to the speech of his excellency the lieutenant governor, and moved that the same do pass, viz :

Address in answer to speech moved.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL

Address.

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

Knight, and knight commander of the orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the third of Spain, lieutenant governor and commander in chief in and over her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, and its dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your excellency :

1°. We, her majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the representatives of the province of Nova Scotia, thank your excellency for the speech with which we have been invited to resume our legislative labors. For the bounties of Providence that have rewarded their industry and enterprise, and for the peace and health in which those blessings are enjoyed, we join your excellency in expressing the thanks of a grateful people to the Giver of all good.

2°.