

and by these presents do constitute and appoint you the said Mather B. ALMON, John H. Anderson, and Alexander Keith, to be Commissioners, you or any of you to administer the oath of allegiance to each of the persons elected, or who shall be elected, members of the House of Assembly of the said Province.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at Halifax, this third day of February in the twenty-seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1864.

*By His Excellency's command,*

CHARLES TUPPER.

Returns to Writs of Election read.

The acting Clerk then read the returns of the Sheriffs to the respective writs of election, and the protests or papers accompanying one of the said writs, namely, The writ for the election of members to represent,—

The south division of Colchester county.

Members sworn.

The members returned were then severally called by the acting Clerk, and the oath of allegiance was administered to all of the above mentioned members, (excepting the Honorable Financial Secretary and Charles J. Campbell, Esquire, who were not present,) and taken and subscribed by them in the presence of the said Commissioners.

Message.

After which a message was delivered by John James Sawyer, esquire, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :

*"Gentlemen,*

Administrator commands attendance.

*"His Excellency the Administrator of the Government commands the immediate attendance of this honorable House in the Council Chamber."*

House attend.

Accordingly the House went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, when the President of the Legislative Council said—

*"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

House to choose a Speaker.

*"I have it in command from his Excellency the Administrator of the Government to inform you that he will defer declaring the causes for which he hath convened the general assembly, until the House of Assembly have elected a Speaker. It is therefore his Excellency's pleasure that the House of Assembly do repair to the place where they usually sit, and there elect a Speaker, and present him here for his Excellency's approbation."*

And the House having returned, the honorable James W. Johnston (addressing himself to the Clerk, who standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down) proposed to the House for their Speaker, John C. Wade, Esquire, and moved "that John C. Wade, Esquire, do take the chair of this House as Speaker," which motion was seconded by the Honorable the Solicitor General.

Mr. Wade elected.

The question was then put by the Clerk "that John C. Wade, esquire, do take the chair of this House as Speaker," which duly passed without division.

Whereupon John C. Wade, Esq., was conducted to the chair by the Honorable James W. Johnston and the Honorable William A. Henry.

House attend Administrator.

Mr. Speaker elect with the House, then went to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, when Mr. Speaker elect was presented to his Excellency by the Honorable J. W. Johnston, who addressed his Excellency as follows:—

*"May it please your Excellency:*

Speaker presented.

*"The House of Assembly agreeably to your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected John C. Wade, Esquire, member for the county of Digby, to that office, and by their direction I beg leave to present him for the approbation of your Excellency."*

Approved.

After which his Excellency was pleased to say, "I approve of the Speaker whom the House of Assembly have chosen."