

Saturday, 5th January, 1831.

FIRST SESSION, 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 1st. WILLIAM IV.

to let the Assembly know, it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House : who being come—

Mr. McLEAN said :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The House of Assembly, in obedience to Your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and it now becomes my duty to announce to Your Excellency, that I have been chosen to fill that Office.

My deep sense of the importance of the duties which their choice imposes upon me, cannot but make me distrust my own ability sufficiently to discharge them ; and I rely rather on my ardent desire to fulfil the just expectations of the House of Assembly than on my fitness for the situation, while in their behalf I respectfully pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to approve of their choice.

Then the Speaker of this House said :—

Mr. McLEAN,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands me to declare to you, that in full assurance of your discretion, ability and zeal, He entirely approves of the choice which the Assembly have made, and does confirm and allow you to be their Speaker.

Then the Speaker of the Assembly said :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The very gracious manner in which Your Excellency has been pleased to approve of the choice which the Assembly has made of me as their Speaker, demands and receives my most grateful acknowledgments.

If in the execution of the important duties of my situation, I should at any time fall into error, I entreat that the fault may be imputed to me and not unto the Assembly, whose servant I have the honor to be ; and that they may be the better enabled to discharge their duty to His Majesty and their Country, I do, in their name, and on their behalf, by humble petition, lay claim to all their rights and privileges, particularly that they may have liberty of Speech for the better management of their Debates, access to Your Excellency's Person on all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favorable interpretation.

Then the Speaker of this House said :—

Mr. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to His Majesty's Person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, He grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you, that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all seasonable occasions ; and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from Him the most favorable construction.

Then His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that he was in possession of a copy of His Excellency's Speech which, he read, and it was again read (*pro forma*) by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

*Honorable Gentlemen, and
Gentlemen :*

Since the Prorogation of the Provincial Parliament we have had to lament the demise of our late most Gracious Sovereign ; an affliction which has spread through the British Empire the deepest sorrow and regret.

In opening this Session, I cannot but draw your attention to the declaration of the King, on His succeeding to the Throne of His Ancestors. It will be long borne in mind by His faithful and loyal Subjects, and will best convey to you His Majesty's resolution to rely upon the advice and the zealous co-operation of Parliament, in His anxious endeavours, under the

Mr. McLean's Address informing His Excellency that he is chosen by the Assembly to be their Speaker.

The Speaker of this House being commanded by His Excellency, replies to Mr. McLean, by declaring that the Lieutenant Governor contents and allows him to be Speaker of the Assembly.

Reply of the Speaker of Assembly thereto.

The Speaker of Assembly answered by the Speaker of this House.

Parliament convened.

His Excellency retires. The Speaker delivers a copy of His Excellency's Speech. Same read.

The Speech.