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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

FIRST Session of the THIRTEENTH General Assembly.

THURSDAY, February 3d, 1831.

THE Members of Assembly being met, according to Proclamation, the Oaths required by Law were administered to them, by the Honorables George Wright and T. H. Haviland, two of His Majesty's Council appointed by *Dedimus Potestatem* for that purpose—the following Members being present:

GEORGETOWN.

HUGH MACDONALD, RODERICK McNEILL.

CHARLOTTE-TOWN.

CHARLES BINNS, JOHN BRECKEN.

PRINCETOWN.

WILLIAM McNEILL.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

EWEN CAMERON, SAMUEL NELSON,
JOHN S. MACDONALD, DONALD MACDONALD.

KING'S COUNTY.

THOMAS OWEN, DANIEL BRENAN.

PRINCE COUNTY.

SAMUEL GREEN, THOMAS C. COMPTON,
JOSEPH POPE, PATRICK CODY.

The Members returned and not present, were *Angus Macdonald* and *John Macdonald*, Esqrs. two of the Members for King's County, and *Robert Hyndman*, Esq. one of the Members for Princetown.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, by George Richard Goodman, Esq. Usher of the Black Rod.

"Gentlemen,

"I am ordered to acquaint you that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor commands your immediate attendance in the Council Chamber."

The Members having accordingly gone up, the President of His Majesty's Council addressed them as follows:

GENTLEMEN,

I am commanded by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you, that his Excellency does not intend to declare the cause of calling this General

Assembly, until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly, and therefore you, Gentlemen, are to repair to the place where the House of Assembly usually sit, and there proceed to the election of a fit person to be your Speaker, whom you are to present to his Excellency here immediately for his approbation.

The Members having returned, *William McNeill*, Esq. addressed Mr. *Cullen*, Clerk of the late House of Assembly, and proposed *Ewen Cameron*, Esq. to be their Speaker, which was seconded by *Thomas Owen*, Esq. and unanimously agreed to.

The Clerk having declared *Ewen Cameron*, Esq. duly elected Speaker, he was led to the Chair by Mr. W. Macneill and Mr. Owen—whereupon he addressed the House as follows:—

Gentlemen,

I return you my sincere thanks for the honour you have done me in electing me your Speaker. Relying on your kind indulgence, and depending on your constant support, it is my firm determination to maintain the Rules and Privileges, and uphold the order of this House—and to conform, as far as local circumstances will admit, to the usage and practice of the British House of Commons, which, I trust, it will always be our greatest pride to imitate.

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GENTLEMEN,

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when Mr. Speaker informed His Excellency that the House had chosen him to be their Speaker, and humbly trusted their election would meet His Excellency's approbation.

Whereupon the President of his Majesty's