

House attend His Excellency in Council Chamber.

Accordingly, the House attended His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber, when the Hon. the President of the Legislative Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, said :

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

House ordered to elect Speaker.

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that His Excellency does not think fit to declare the cause for which he has summoned this General Assembly, until there is a Speaker of this Assembly.

It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, do retire and proceed to the choice of some proper person as your Speaker, and that you present him for His Excellency's approbation.

And the Members being returned to the Assembly Room,

Motion that A. Shea be Speaker.

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY, addressing himself to the Clerk, (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down,) proposed to the House, Ambrose Shea, Esq., as their Speaker, and moved :

That Ambrose Shea, Esq., do take the Chair as Speaker of this House ; which motion was seconded by John Kavanagh, Esq.

And on the question being put thereon, it was

A. Shea, Esq., chosen Speaker.

*Resolved*,—That Ambrose Shea, Esq., do take the Chair as Speaker of this House.

Mr. Speaker takes the Chair.

Mr. Speaker elect was then conducted to and placed in the Chair by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and Mr. Kavanagh, when he addressed the House as follows :

GENTLEMEN,—

Mr. Speaker's Address of Thanks.

I have to express my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me in choosing me to be your Speaker. I assure you that it shall be my constant study to merit the confidence you have reposed in me by a strict attention to the duties of the important office with which you have been pleased to invest me ; and I trust, by your assistance and support, to maintain the privileges of this House consistently with a due regard to the prerogatives of the Crown.

Mr. Speaker and the House attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker elect and the House then went to attend His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber, when he was presented to His Excellency by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, who addressed His Excellency as follows :