

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, UPPER CANADA.

York, Friday, 1st February, 1805.

At the First Session of the Fourth Parliament of Upper Canada, begun and held in the Town of York, on Friday, the First day of February, in the Forty fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Five.

His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, having by his proclamation hereunto annexed, dated at York the Fourteenth day of May, 1804, dissolved the last Provincial Parliament, and by his Writs of Summons issued under the Great Seal of the Province, bearing Teste at York on Tuesday, the Fifteenth day of May, 1804, calling a new Provincial Parliament, and appointed the same to meet and to sit on the second day of July next ensuing, and having prorogued the same from time to time until this day,—William Jarvis and Donald MacLean Esquires. Commissioners appointed by Dedimus Potestatem for administering the Oath to the Members of the House of Assembly of the said Province of Upper Canada, came about eleven o'clock in the forenoon into the House of Assembly of the said Province, where William Jarvis, Esq., Keeper of the Rolls, delivered to Donald MacLean, Esq., Clerk of the Assembly, the Roll containing the list of the names of such Members as has been returned to serve in the Provincial Parliament, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed. The Commissioners did administer the Oath appointed to the Members who appeared, which being done, and the Members having subscribed the Roll containing the Oath, they repaired to their seats in the Assembly accordingly.

After which a message was delivered by Mr. George Lawe, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Gentlemen,—

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the Members of this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately, in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly the Members went up to attend His Excellency, where being,

The Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council said.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I have it in command from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to signify to you that it is his will and pleasure that you do return to the House to which you belong, and there to elect one of your number to be your Speaker, whom you shall present for the approbation of His Excellency at the Bar of this House to-morrow at one o'clock.

And the Members being returned,

Prayers were read.

Ralf Clench Esquire, Knight, one of the Representatives for the second, third, and fourth Ridings of the County of Lincoln, stood up and addressed himself to the Clerk, who standing up pointed to him and then sat down, proposed to the House for their Speaker, Alexander McDonell, Esquire, in which motion he was seconded by Robert Nellis, Esquire, Knight, one of the Representatives for the West Riding of the Counties of Lincoln and Haldimand.

The Clerk having declared Alexander McDonell, Esquire, unanimously elected, he was led to the Chair by Ralf Clench and Robert Nellis, Esquires.