

MONDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1839.

Now, know you, that We, reposing especial trust and confidence in the wisdom, prudence and ability, of our trusty and well-beloved the Bishop of Nova-Scotia, Simon B. Robie, Peter McNab, James Tobin, Joseph Allison, Norman Uniacke, James W. Johnston, William Lawson, George Smith, Alexander Stewart, William Rudolf, Lewis M. Wilkins, James S. Morse, William Ouseley, Robert M. Cutler, Alexander Campbell, James Ratchford, Joseph FitzRandolph, and William B. Almon, Esquires, do, by these our Instructions, constitute and appoint them, the said Bishop of Nova-Scotia, Simon B. Robie, Peter McNab, James Tobin, Joseph Allison, Norman Uniacke, James W. Johnston, William Lawson, George Smith, Alexander Stewart, William Rudolf, Lewis M. Wilkins, James S. Morse, William Ouseley, Robert M. Cutler, Alexander Campbell, James Ratchford, Joseph FitzRandolph, and William B. Almon, to be, during our pleasure, Legislative Councillors in our Province of Nova-Scotia; and you are hereby authorised and required to summon them to our said Legislative Council accordingly: And we do further direct and appoint, that the Members of our said Legislative Council shall take rank and precedence in the said Council, according to the order in which their names are hereinbefore inserted; and that in all other cases the Members of our said Council shall take rank and precedence therein, according to the date and seniority of their respective appointments.

The Right Honorable the EARL OF DURHAM, G. C. B.

Additional Instructions, Nova-Scotia.

Members take oaths

Which being read by the Clerk, the following Gentlemen took the Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration; and also, took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, pursuant to the Statutes.

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Joseph Allison.

Norman F. Uniacke,

James W. Johnston,

William Lawson,

The Honorable George Smith,

Alexander Stewart,

William B. Almon, M.D.

Clerk sworn

John C. Halliburton, the Clerk of the House, took the Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration; and also, took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, pursuant to the Statutes.

Speech reported

The President reported His Excellency's Speech.

Address ordered

*Ordered*, That an Address be presented to His Excellency, in answer to His Speech.

Committee to prepare address

*Ordered*, That Mr. Allison, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Smith and Dr. Almon, be a Committee to prepare the said Address, and to report the same to the House.

Committee report Rules.

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee appointed in the last Session to frame Rules for the consideration of this House, made his report, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same.

*Ordered*, That the said Report do lie on the Table, to be hereafter considered.

(For Report, vide Appendix, No. 1.)

Resolution for appointment of Law Clerk moved

Mr. Stewart moved the following Resolution, viz:

It appearing to the Council that for the more efficient performance of their Legislative Functions, a Law Clerk and Clerk of the Parliament should be appointed, and a Committee of the Council, appointed at the last Session, having proposed that his duties shall be as follows, viz:—"That the Law Clerk of the Council, and of the Parliament, shall examine all Bills which come up from the House of Assembly, and which are introduced into the Council, and report any errors, technical or otherwise, which he may discover therein. He shall report what existing Laws are affected, and how affected, by the said Bills, and whether they are conformable to the standing Orders; he shall be responsible that they, on their final passing into Law, contain no technical or verbal errors, unless he shall previously have pointed them out to the Council; he shall draft any Bills which any Member shall direct him to prepare; he shall be daily in attendance during the Session, while the Council is sitting, and also, between the hours of eleven and two o'clock every day during the Session,