

Gentlemen—

His excellency the lieutenant-governor commands the immediate attendance of this honorable house in the council chamber.

House attend.

Accordingly the house went up to attend his excellency in the council chamber, where the president of the legislative council said :

House to choose speaker.

*Honorable gentlemen of the legislative council: and
Gentlemen of the house of assembly.*

I have it in command from his excellency the lieutenant-governor to inform you, that he will defer declaring the causes for which he hath convened the general assembly, until the house of assembly have elected a speaker. It is therefore his excellency's pleasure that the house of assembly do repair to the place where they usually sit, and there elect a speaker, and present him here for his excellency's approbation.

And the house having returned—

Mr. Fraser proposed.

John Holmes, esquire, (addressing himself to the clerk, who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the house for their speaker James D. Fraser, esquire, and moved "that James D. Fraser, esquire, do take the chair of this house as speaker:" which motion was seconded by Alfred Whitman, esquire.

Mr. Young proposed.

Then Samuel Chipman, esquire, in like manner, proposed to the house for their speaker William Young, esquire, and moved "that William Young, esquire, do take the chair of this house as speaker:" which motion was seconded by William A. Henry, esquire.

And no debate arising in relation to either of such motions—

Division on Mr. Fraser's nomination.

The question was put by the clerk, "that James D. Fraser, esquire, do take the chair of this house as speaker"—

The house divided :

The yeas on the right, 23.

The noes on the left, 24.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Division on Mr. Young's nomination.

Then the question was put by the clerk "that William Young, esquire, do take the chair of this house as speaker.

The house again divided :

The yeas on the right, 25.

The noes on the left, 22.

Carried.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon, Mr. W. Young was conducted to the chair by Mr. Chipman and Mr. Henry.

House attend governor with speaker.

Mr. Speaker elect, with the house, then went to attend his excellency in the council chamber, when Mr. Speaker elect was presented to his excellency by the hon. the attorney general, who addressed his excellency as follows :

May it please your excellency :

Speaker presented.

The house of assembly, agreeably to your excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a speaker, and have elected William Young, esquire, member for the county of Inverness, to that office ; and, by their direction, I beg leave to present him for the approbation of your excellency.

Approved of.

After which his excellency was pleased to say—"I approve of the speaker whom the house of assembly have chosen."

Approval reported.

The house being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the chair—

Mr. Speaker reported that the house had attended his excellency in the council chamber, where his excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the house had made of him to be their speaker ; and that he had thereupon addressed his excellency to the following effect :—