

The Clerk having declared *John Stewart, Esq.* duly elected, he was led to the Chair, by *Mr. Cambridge* and *Mr. Campbell*, whereupon he addressed the House as follows, viz.

Gentlemen,

I return you my sincere thanks for the honor you have done me, in electing me your Speaker, and I can assure you that it is my firm determination so to conduct myself, as to justify your choice, and to maintain and uphold the rules and order of the House.

A Message was received from his Excellency by the Usher of the Black Rod, as follows :

" Gentlemen,

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

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

After which the President of his Majesty's Council said,

" Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

" I am commanded by his Excellency the Lieut. Governor to acquaint you that his Excellency is satisfied with the choice you have made of *John Stewart, Esq.* to be your Speaker, and therefore his Excellency doth allow of and confirm you *John Stewart, Esq.* to be Speaker of the House of Assembly."

The Speaker then addressed his Excellency as follows, viz.

" May it please your Excellency,

" As you have had the goodness to approve of the choice of the Lower House of Assembly in appointing me to be its Speaker, it now becomes my duty, as such, to request of your Excellency, as the privilege of the House, that the Members thereof, during the Session may be freed from molestation, that they may have freedom of Speech in their debates, have the power of punishing their own Members and have free and easy access to your Excellency on all occasions; and I do also in their name and behalf beg leave to claim all their ancient Rights and Privileges."

The President of his Majesty's Council then replied as follows :

" I am commanded by his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to say, that his Excellency being fully assured of the prudence, loyalty, and good affection of the House of Assembly, does most willingly grant to them all their privileges in as full a manner as they have been at any time granted or allowed by any former Governor of this Island."

The House having returned, *Mr. Speaker* reported, that when the House attended this day in the Council Chamber, his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses of the Assembly, of which *Mr. Speaker* said he had to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read and delivered in at the Clerk's Table, and is as follows, viz.

" *Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

" *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

" THE reason of my calling you together so soon after my arrival, is principally with the view to revising and continuing of such beneficial temporary acts, as have already expired, or may be about to expire, and for considering only such other measures as are indispensably necessary to the welfare and good government of the Island.

" It is my intention as soon as the season will permit, to make myself acquainted with the internal state of the Island, and the condition of its inhabitants, and to acquire personally, such knowledge of its affairs as may enable me at a future Session to enter generally with the two branches of the Legislature upon all measures which may have for their object the promoting of the public good.

" *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

" I will order the proper officers to lay before you a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Public Monies, whereby you will be enabled to determine what additional supplies may be required to provide for the exigencies of the Government, or to promote objects of public utility, now, or at a future period when the funds may be available.

" *Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

" *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

" I recommend to you that unanimity and good understanding so desirable between all public bodies, important at all times, but more especially so in the present circumstances to enable me to con-