

from the Speaker, dated the 12th instant, addressed to him, which letter, the Clerk, by their direction, read, and is as follows, Viz :

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“ Having accepted the situation of one of the Assistant Justices of His Majesty’s Supreme Court, to which His Excellency Sir John Coape Sherbrooke was pleased to nominate me, I find, by the Laws of the Province, I can no longer retain a Seat in the House of Assembly, and am consequently compelled to ask the House, through you, to permit me to resign my situation as their Speaker, and at the same time to request that Body to accept my warmest and most grateful acknowledgments for the attention and support received from them, during the time I had the honor of filling the Chair, and to assure them that I part from them with reluctance, and am only consoled by the reflection that they have in the Assembly, Gentlemen, whose talents and ability will more than compensate for any loss they may have sustained in me, as the only merit to which I felt myself entitled was an honest and fervent zeal for the public good, which still animates me, and, with the House, will plead my excuse for recommending, as my last Legislative act, the cultivation of harmony with the other branches of the Legislature : as the surest means of promoting the happiness and prosperity of the Province” ; and thereupon,

The said Members came to a Resolution, as follows :

*Resolved,* That the seat of the said Lewis M. Wilkins, Esq. Representative for the County of Lunenburg, and the Speaker of the House, be vacant by his acceptance of the appointment of an Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court ; and that the Clerk do inform his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that in consequence thereof the House are at present without a Speaker.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, commanding the attendance of the Members in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the Members with the Clerk, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where the Clerk, by command of the Members, addressed His Excellency as follows :

*May it please Your Excellency :*

In obedience to the commands of the Members of the House of Assembly, now in attendance on your Excellency, I am to acquaint your Excellency that they are at present without a Speaker ; the seat of their late Speaker, Lewis M. Wilkins, Esq. having become vacant by his appointment as an Assistant Justice of His Majesty’s Supreme Court.

The President of His Majesty’s Council by his Excellency’s command, then said :

*Gentlemen,*