

Excellency had not been pleased to approve of the choice they had made of William Cottnam Tonge, Esq. to be their Speaker ; and had directed they would make another choice, and present the Member whom they should elect for His Excellency's approbation at One o'Clock To-morrow.

And thereupon, the Clerk, by direction of the Members present, adjourned the House until To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 19, 1806.

The Members met agreeably to the adjournment of yesterday ; and the Clerk, by Order, adjourned the House till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

Thursday November 20, 1806.

The Members met agreeably to the adjournment of yesterday ; and, in obedience to the Commands of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, in the place of William Cottnam Tonge, Esq. who had not been approved by His Excellency ; and, thereupon,

Mr. Mortimer proposed Foster Hutchinson, Esq. Member for the Town of Halifax, and Mr Pyke proposed Lewis M. Wilkins, Esq. for their Speaker ; and the choice of the House having fallen upon the latter Gentleman, he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred on him by the House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by John George Pyke and Jeremiah Northup, Esquires, and conducted to, and placed in, the Chair accordingly ; and, thereupon, Mr. Speaker, elect, addressed the Members as follows :

GENTLEMEN,

I cannot express the very high sense I feel of the honor you have this day done me ; I shall, therefore, only observe, that it shall be my endeavour so to conduct myself, in the exalted situation in which you have placed me, as to leave no cause to regret the confidence you have reposed in me.

A Message was delivered from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Gautier, Deputy Secretary, commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, elect, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker, elect, was presented to his Excellency by Mr. Northup, upon which his Excellency approved of the choice the House had made.

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been 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 spoken to the following effect :

*May it please your Excellency,*

THE House of Assembly having chosen me their Speaker, and your Excellency having approved of their choice, I have to observe to your Excellency, that I feel, very sensibly, the weight and importance of the duties incident to that Office, and my inability to perform them ; I trust, however, that an honest and fervent zeal to promote the ease and comfort of your Excellency's administration, the peace and harmony of the different Branches of the Legislature, and the general good of the Province, will, in some measure, compensate for all other deficiencies ; I beg leave to require of your Excellency, on the part of the House of Assembly, that their words and actions may receive the most favorable construction : and that the Members may from time to time have access to your Excellency, and that they may enjoy their usual privileges.

Mr.