

er with those Gentlemen and see them qualified : Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Smith*, attended the Commissioner, and being returned, reported that *John Ward*, *Thomas Millidge*, *Stephen Humbert*, *Richard Simonds* and *Colin Campbell*, had taken the oaths prescribed by Law, upon which, those Gentlemen took their seats.

A Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber---whereupon, Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, attended His Honor the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported that he had addressed his Honor the PRESIDENT, in the words following:

*"May it please your Honor,*

*"The House of Assembly of this Province, in obedience to your Honor's command, and according to their acknowledged right, have proceeded to the choice of their Speaker, and now humbly attend to present me to your Honor, as the person elected; but knowing my own inexperience, and inability to perform the duties attached to so important and arduous a station, I trust that your Honor will be induced to disapprove of their choice, and command them to elect another more capable."*

Whereupon the Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Bliss*, spoke as follows:

*"William Botsford, Esquire,*

*"I am commanded by His Honor the PRESIDENT, to acquaint you that he hath so good an opinion of your integrity, diligence and sufficiency for executing the important office into which you are elected, that His Honor is perfectly satisfied with the choice which the House of Assembly have made, and doth allow and confirm you to be their Speaker."*

That the Speaker, then said, *"Since your Honor has been pleased to approve of the choice the House has made of me, for their Speaker, I have in their name and on their behalf, to claim all their ancient privileges, particularly that they may enjoy liberty of speech, and have free access to your Honor's person whenever occasion shall require."*

To which the Honorable Chief Justice replied as follows:---

*"Mr. Speaker,*

*"The PRESIDENT, hath the greatest confidence in the duty and affection of this House of Assembly to His MAJESTY's person and Government, and and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings; and His Honor doth readily and willingly grant and allow them all their privileges, in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time been granted and allowed."*

And that then His Honor the PRESIDENT, made a Speech to both Houses, of which, Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth, viz:

*"Gentlemen of the Council, and*

*"Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

*"Having been, by the departure of Major-General SMYTH, unexpectedly called to the temporary administration of this Government, I shall, in discharging the important duty which has thus devolved upon me, suggest for your deliberation such subjects only as the Public interests seem immediately to require: The principal of these, after the Revenue, and the ordinary exigencies of the Public service, is a continuation of the system begun at the last Session, for improving the means of communication between the different parts of the Province, with such alterations and amendments as experience may dictate, so as to give the fullest effect to a measure, not only of general utility and convenience, but which must greatly contribute to increase the wealth and prosperity of the province. The encouragement also of Agriculture, which is the surest source of permanent benefit to every country, ought*