On the twenty-third day of December last his Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased to issue a further proclamation, (hereunto annexed) appointing Thursday, the 4th day of February, instant, for the meeting of the new General Assembly for the despatch of business, and to require the members to attend in General Assembly on that day at Halifax.

At twelve o'clock at noon this day, all the members returned, excepting two, met Acting Clerk attends under commission. in the room of the House of Assembly, in the Provincial Building, James H. Thorne, Esquire, the first Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Province, attending the House by virtue of a commission from his Excellency the Administrator of the Government, dated 3rd February, 1864, authorizing him to act as the Clerk of the House of Assembly until the election of a Speaker and a first Clerk of the House, which commission was then read by Mr. Thorne, and is as follows:-

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL

CHARLES HASTINGS DOYLE.

Administrator of the Government, and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia [L. S.] HASTINGS DOYLE. and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

To James H. Thorne, first Clerk in the office of the Secretary of said Province.

Greeting:

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and do, by the advice of the Executive Council of the said Province, hereby, during pleasure, constitute and appoint you, the said James H. Thorne, to act as the Clerk of the House of Assembly on the opening of the first Session of the twenty-second General Assembly of the said Province, for the despatch of business, on the fourth day of February instant, and until a Speaker and first Clerk of the said House shall have been duly elected, hereby granting unto you all the rights, powers, and advantages, which to the said office do or may lawfully appertain, and requiring you diligently to perform the duties thcreof.

> Given under my hand and seal at arms, at Halifax, this third day of February-in the twenty-seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1864.

> > By His Excellency's command,

CHARLES TUPPER.

The honorables Mather B. Almon, John H. Anderson, and Alexander Keith, Commissioners attended by virtue of a commission from his Excellency the Administrator of the Government, dated 3rd February, 1864, authorising the said Commissioners, or any of them, to administer to the members elect the oath of allegiance, came into the place where the members of the House of Assembly usually sit, and the commission was produced by them and read, and is as follows:-

and administer oath

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL CHARLES HASTINGS DOYLE.

Administrator of the Government, and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia HASTINGS DOYLE. and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

TO THE HONOURABLE MATHER B. ALMON,

THE HONOURABLE JOHN H. ANDERSON,

THE HONOURABLE ALEXANDER KEITH.

Know ye that, by virtue of the authority in me vested as the Adminis-trator of the Government of this said Province, I have constituted and appointed,