

The Members having returned—

The Hon *Roderick Macaulay*, addressing Mr Macneill, the Clerk, proposed the Hon. *T. Heath Haviland*, a Member for the Town and Royalty of Georgetown, to be their Speaker, which was seconded by the Hon. *James C. Pope*.

There being no other Member proposed, and no objection made—

The Hon. *T. Heath Haviland* was taken from his seat by the Hon. *R. Macaulay* and the Hon. *James C. Pope*; and standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer on him, by choosing him to be their Speaker.

The Hon. *T. Heath Haviland* then took the chair;

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Henry Palmer, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod:

Gentlemen;

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House at the Bar of the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr Speaker elect, with the House, then went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber; when Mr Speaker elect addressed His Excellency as follows:

May it please your Excellency;

I have to acquaint your Excellency that the House of Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right and privilege, have chosen me to be their Speaker, and I humbly trust their election will meet your Excellency's approbation.

Whereupon, the Hon. the President of the Legislative Council said—

Hon. Mr Haviland;

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

And hereupon, Mr Speaker addressed His Excellency to the following effect:

May it please your Excellency:

As you have been pleased to approve of the choice of the House of Assembly, in appointing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty humbly to request of your Excellency, that all the usual rights, immunities and privileges accorded to previous Houses of Assembly, may be granted to this House, amongst which are freedom from arrest, freedom of speech in their debates, and free access to your Excellency on all suitable occasions, in matters connected with the business of the House of Assembly and the welfare of the Colony.

The President of the Council then replied:

Mr Speaker;

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to say, that His Excellency being fully assured of the prudence, loyalty and good affection of the House of Assembly, most willingly grants to them all their privileges, conformably to ancient usage, the laws of the land and Her Majesty's instructions.

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Mr Speaker reported, that when the House did attend His Excellency this day in the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which Mr Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy,