

them, jointly or severally, to administer the Oath of Allegiance to all and to every person and persons who is, are, or shall be a member or members of the Legislative Council or General Assembly of Our said Island, appointed by Proclamation of our Governor, to be holden at St. John's on the 31st day of this instant Month of January, giving to them, and either of them, our said Commissioners, full power and authority to perform the atter hereinbefore mentioned, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever they; or either of them, shall do and perform in this behalf: And thereof they or either of them, are to make due return under their or either of their Hands and Seals, unto Our Governor of Our said Island, with these presents annexed.

Given under the Great Seal of Our aforesaid Island.

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved SIR ALEXANDER BANNERMAN, Knight, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Our said Island and its Dependencies, at Saint John's, in Our said Island, the Twenty-Eighth day of March, A. D., 1860, and in the Twenty-Third Year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN KENT,

*Colonial Secretary.*

The Honorable LAURENCE O'BRIEN,

“ EDWARD D. SHEA.

The said Commissioners came between the hours of twelve and one o'clock in the forenoon of the said 31st day of January, into the General Assembly Room, JOHN STUART, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly, attending in the House, and the list of the names of the Members returned, as before set forth for the several Districts throughout the Island being called over by the Clerk, they all appeared and severally took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, in presence of the said Commissioners.

Oath administered to members by Commissioners.

At two o'clock a Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by F. W. Rennie, Esquire, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

His Excellency the Governor commands your immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.