

*"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

"I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that he doth not think fit to declare the causes for which he has summoned this General Assembly, until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly: It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, do repair to the place where the Sittings of the House of Assembly are usually held, and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker; and that you present the person who shall be so chosen to His Excellency, in this House forthwith, for his approbation."

And the House being returned—

Mr. Montgomery, a Member for the County of Restigouche, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed John M. Johnson, Esquire, a Member for the County of Northumberland, to fill the Office of Speaker, and moved that he do take the Chair; which motion was seconded by Mr. Farris, a Member for the County of Queen's County.

There being no other Member placed in nomination—

Mr. Johnson was taken from his Seat by Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Farris, and conducted by them to the Chair; and when standing on the steps, addressed himself to the House as followeth:—

"Gentlemen,

"I thank you for the high honor you have unanimously conferred upon me. As your Speaker I shall enter upon my duties with increased confidence, from the knowledge that I have been nominated and chosen independent of politics or party; and I feel assured of your co-operation and support in aid of my endeavours to preserve order and expedite the business of the House."

Mr. Johnson then took the Chair; when

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went up to the Council Chamber.

And being returned—

The Honorable L. A. Wilmot, one of the Commissioners named in the Commission for the duly qualifying the Members of this House returned at the last Election, attended at the Clerk's Table, and administered the oath to John Costigan, Esquire, a Member for the County of Victoria, who subscribed his name thereto, and took his Seat.

Mr. Speaker then reported, that when in the Council Chamber, he had addressed His Excellency to the effect following:—

"May it please Your Excellency,

"Your Excellency having communicated your pleasure to the Assembly, they returned to the place where they usually deliberate, and immediately proceeded to choose a Speaker; they have elected me to that important and honorable position, and I am now presented for Your Excellency's approval."