

time claim your united assistance to render me your best support in aid of my slender abilities to maintain the Order, Rules, and Dignity of the House.

A Message was sent from the House to inform His Excellency that the House had elected a Speaker, whereupon,

A Message was received from His Excellency by the Usher of the Black Rod, as followeth :

“Gentlemen,

“His Excellency the Lieut. Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber.”

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker elect informed His Excellency that the House had chosen him their Speaker, and humbly trusted their election would meet His Excellency's approbation.

After which the President of His Majesty's Council said,

“Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

“I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor to acquaint you that His Excellency is satisfied with the choice you have made of *Angus M'Aulay*, Esq. to be your Speaker, and therefore His Excellency doth allow of and confirm you *Angus M'Aulay*, Esq. to be Speaker of the House of Assembly.”

The Speaker then addressed His Excellency as follows, viz.

“May it please your Excellency,

“As you have had the goodness to approve of the choice of the Lower House of Assembly in appointing me to be its Speaker, it now becomes my duty, as such, to request of your Excellency, as the privilege of the House, that the Members thereof, during the Session may be freed from molestation, that they may have freedom of Speech in their debates, have the power of punishing their own Members; have free and easy access to your Excellency on all occasions; and I do also in their name and behalf beg leave to claim all their ancient Rights and Privileges.”

The President of His Majesty's Council then replied as follows :

“I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to say, that His Excellency being fully assured of the prudence, loyalty, and good affection of

the House of Assembly, does most willingly grant to them all their privileges in as full a manner as they have been at any time granted or allowed by His Excellency, or any former Governor of this Island.”

The House having returned Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House attended this day in the Council Chamber, His Excellency the Lieut. Governor was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses of the Assembly, of which Mr. Speaker said he had to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy which he read and delivered in at the Clerk's Table, and is as followeth, viz.

“*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

“*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

“UPON Constitutional principles I have felt it my duty thus early to convene you, thereby offering this new General Assembly an opportunity of addressing His Majesty on his Accession, and of expressing the sentiments natural on such an occasion.

“The proceedings in Great-Britain against the disturbers of the public tranquility, having terminated in the well merited punishment of the guilty, and that in exact due proportion to their delinquency, cannot but afford satisfaction to every loyal Subject of the British Crown, as it may now reasonably be hoped that leaders of sedition and partakers of conspiracy will no longer be found, to dare to propagate that political fanaticism, which has been so productive of mischievous effects.

“Adverting to the happy situation of this Colony, and feeling as I do the most lively interest in its welfare, it cannot but afford me great gratification the being enabled to enumerate several circumstances, which under the blessing of Divine Providence, are likely to continue to promote the public prosperity.

“An increase of population has been attended with a more than proportionate increase and improvement in Agriculture.

“The calling upon the holders of Town Lands to fulfil the terms of their tenure, (a measure which will be steadily pursued) has already produced an increase of Building, attended with very beneficial effects.

“Standard Weights and Measures having been procured at a very considerable expence, the existing Statute on that head may now be considered as in full