

TUESDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1837.

and submitted himself to their choice; and he was taken out of his place by Mr. Heckman and conducted to, and placed in, the Chair accordingly—whereupon, Mr. Speaker Elect addressed the House as follows:

*Gentlemen,*

I thank you most sincerely for the honor you have conferred upon me, by placing me in the Chair of this Assembly, the highest elective situation of my Native Country. The important duties of the Office to which you have elected me, shall command my constant attention. As your Speaker, I am not answerable for the Acts of the Assembly, except in as far as I am permitted to take a part as an individual Member; but, for the order and regularity of this House, I consider myself answerable.—That order I can only preserve and enforce by assistance from yourselves, which I shall at all times, when necessary, claim. To guard the privileges of the Assembly of Nova-Scotia, so as to transmit them unimpaired to those who may succeed us as the Representatives of the People, has long been my study; and I shall rely upon the same friendly disposition which has placed me in this Chair, to assist and support me in the discharge of the arduous duties of my Office.

Mr. Speaker Elect, with the House, then went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker Elect was presented to His Excellency, by Mr. Heckman, who addressed His Excellency as follows:

*May it please your Excellency;*

The House of Assembly, agreeably to your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have unanimously elected Samuel George William Archibald, Esquire, His Majesty's Attorney-General, and Member for the County of Colchester, to that Office; and by their direction, I beg leave to present him for your Excellency's approbation.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to say, I approve of the Speaker which the House of Assembly have chosen.

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker; and that he had thereupon addressed His Excellency to the following effect:

*May it please your Excellency;*

The ready approbation of Your Excellency of the first act of this House in the choice of me as their Speaker, induces me to hope, that their future proceedings shall receive from Your Excellency the same favorable regard.

Being now, by the choice of the House, and the approbation of your Excellency of that choice, in due form, appointed the Speaker of the Assembly of Nova-Scotia; in the name of the Representatives of His Majesty's Loyal Subjects the People of Nova-Scotia, it becomes my duty humbly to solicit for them their usual rights and privileges; that they may have freedom of Speech in their debates; that they and their servants may be free from arrest; and that when His Majesty's service, and the interests of this Province may require it, that I, as their Speaker, may have free access to your Excellency's person.

Mr. Speaker also reported that His Excellency, in reply, said,

Mr. Speaker,

I most cheerfully grant your request, conformably to ancient usage—the Laws of the Land and the Royal Instructions.

After which, Mr. Speaker said His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows:—

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

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

At the opening of this Session of a new Assembly, it affords me great satisfaction to congratulate you on the peace and prosperity which pervade this Province.

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