

MONDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1810.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment, when the *Speaker* elect having taken the Chair,

A Message was brought from His HONOR the PRESIDENT by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of this House in the Council Chamber. Accordingly Mr. *Speaker* elect, with the House, went up to attend His HONOR the PRESIDENT:

When the *Speaker* elect said, "May it please your HONOR, the House of Assembly of New-Brunswick have, in obedience to your HONOR's command, and according to their undoubted rights, proceeded to the choice of their *Speaker*, and now attend with all humility to present me to your HONOR as the effect of that choice. I am afraid, during my long services, many imperfections in my conduct must have been observed, and that I need urge no other reasons, to induce your HONOR, to give His MAJESTY's faithful House of Assembly an opportunity of presenting one worthier of their choice, and of your HONOR's approbation."

Whereupon the Honorable Mr. BLISS the Chief Justice, spoke as follows:

"*Amos Botsford Esquire* I am commanded by His HONOR the PRESIDENT to acquaint you that he hath so good an opinion of your integrity, diligence and sufficiency for executing the important office into which you are elected, that His HONOR is perfectly satisfied with the choice which the House of Assembly have made, and doth allow and confirm you to be their *Speaker*."

Mr. *Speaker* then said, that since His HONOR the PRESIDENT was pleased to approve the choice the House had made of him for their *Speaker*—He in their name and on their behalf laid claim to all their ancient rights and privileges; particularly that they might enjoy liberty of speech and access to His HONOR's person whenever occasion should require.

To which the Honorable Mr. BLISS the Chief Justice, replied as follows:

"*Mr Speaker* The PRESIDENT hath the greatest confidence in the duty and affection of this House of Assembly to His MAJESTY's person and Government, and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings; and His HONOR doth readily and willingly grant and allow them all their privileges, in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time been granted and allowed."

And then His HONOR the PRESIDENT made the following SPEECH to both Houses.

"Gentlemen of the Council,

"and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

"I had entertained a hope that the principal thing which, at this meeting, I should have to propose for your deliberation, would have been the continuance of our ordinary Provincial Revenue, with some few additional appropriations for the ensuing period: But, from recent occurrences, it appears to be requisite, that we should extend our regard to other and more arduous concerns; and that I should now recommend to your serious consideration, a renewal, with every practicable improvement, of the Law for regulating and training our Militia, and for enabling the Execu-

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