

House attend his Excellency.

Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, attended upon his Excellency accordingly, when Mr. Speaker elect was presented to his Excellency, by the hon. William Thomas, who addressed his Excellency as follows :

Speaker presented

May it please your Excellency,—

The General Assembly, in obedience to your Excellency's commands, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have chosen the hon. James Crowdy, one of their body, to be their Speaker ; and by their direction, I beg now to present him for your Excellency's approval:—Whereupon,

The hon. the Attorney General, addressing the hon. James Crowdy, said,

and approved.

I am commanded by his Excellency the Governor to inform you, that his Excellency approves of the Speaker whom the General Assembly have chosen.

His Excellency retires

After some time, his Excellency the Governor having retired, the hon. Mr. Speaker took the chair.

Mr. Speaker reports his Excellency's approval, &c.

The hon. Mr. Speaker reported that his Excellency the Governor had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and that he, Mr. Speaker, had addressed his Excellency to the following effect,

May it please your Excellency,—

Prayer of privilege.

Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the choice which the General Assembly have made of me to be their Speaker, it becomes my duty, in the name of the Assembly, humbly to demand their accustomed privileges ; that they have freedom of speech in their debates—that they and their servants be free from arrest—and that I, as their Speaker, have free access to your Excellency.

And I would add the expression of my most earnest hope, that your Excellency will, on all occasions, put the most favourable construction on my conduct in discharging the duties of this important office.

The hon. Mr. Speaker further reported that the hon. the Attorney General, by command of his Excellency, said,—

MR. SPEAKER,—

Governor's reply.

I am commanded by his Excellency the Governor to assure you, that he will extend to you the fullest privileges which have been enjoyed by your predecessors.

Mr. Speaker also reported that his Excellency had been 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 which is as follows,—

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

His Excellency's speech.

The Imperial Parliament having, during its recent session, passed an act which has received the Royal assent, and by which material alterations have been introduced into the constitution of this Island, it has become my duty to convene you in General Assembly, and to assure you of the earnest desire which I feel, that through our united exertions the affairs of this ancient and loyal colony may be so administered, under this new form of constitution, as to fulfil