

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1834.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House that Mr. Charles Simms had by his Excellency the Governor been appointed acting Clerk of the House in the absence of Mr. Archibald, and he desired him to read his commission.

Mr. Row, before the commission was read, would remind the House that by a Resolution which was entered on their Journals, the House asserted the right to appoint its own officers.

Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. PETER BROWN, then moved "That the House do proceed forthwith to the election of a Clerk of the House of Assembly, in the room of Edward M. Archibald Esquire."

Mr. Row, in amendment, moved "That the House resolve itself into a committee of privileges."

Which being seconded, was; on the question put thereon, negatived.

Mr. Row again in amendment moved that the words "in the room" be expunged and the words "to act in the absence" be inserted in lieu thereof,—which being seconded and put, was also negatived

The said original motion was then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion five; against it four.

For the motion.

Mr. KOUGH
— P. BROWN
— CARSON
— POWER
— KENT.

Against the motion.

Mr. CARTER
— HOOPER
— ROW
— HOYLES.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. KENT then moved "That Charles Simms, Esquire, be appointed Clerk of the House of Assembly."

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion five; against it four.

For the motion.

Mr. KOUGH
— CARSON
— P. BROWN
— KENT
— POWER.

Against the motion.

Mr. HOYLES
— ROW
— CARTER
— HOOPER.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Row reported from the committee appointed to prepare an address in answer to his Excellency's speech, that the committee had drawn up the draft of an address accordingly, and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*To His Excellency Sir THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the
Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c.
&c. &c.*

May it please your Excellency.

We the Representatives of his Majesty's loyal subjects the Inhabitants of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to thank your Excellency for the speech with which you have been pleased to open the present session.

We deeply regret to learn from your Excellency that the answer received from his Majesty's Government to the application of the Council and House of Assembly for pecuniary aid, has been such as to have obliged your Excellency to summons the General Assembly at this inconvenient season of the year; but we fully