

for the County of Halifax; and Mr. Chipman, proposed Lewis Morris Wilkins, Esq. Member for the County of Lunenburg, for their Speaker; and the choice of the House having fallen upon Lewis Morris Wilkins, Esq. he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred upon him by the House, submitted himself to their choice; and he was taken out of his place, by John George Pyke, Esq. Member for Halifax, and conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly; and thereupon,

Mr. Speaker, Elect, addressed the Members as follows:

*Gentlemen,*

It would be in vain for me to attempt, by any form of words, to express the high sense I entertain of the honour you have this day done me by placing me again in the Chair; it will be sufficient, therefore, for me to declare and assure you, that my constant endeavours shall be exerted to preserve the privileges and promote the comfort of every Member of this House, and so to conduct myself in the exalted situation in which you have placed me, as to afford no cause to regret the confidence you have reposed in me.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Cogswell, Deputy-Secretary, commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker, elect, was presented to his Excellency by Mr. Pyke, Member for the Town of Halifax, 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 elected Lewis M. Wilkins, Esq. to that Office.

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 spoken to the following effect:

*May it please your Excellency,*

The House of Assembly having chosen me their Speaker, and your Excellency having approved of their choice, I feel myself invested with the arduous and important duties of that exalted station; fourteen years experience in the Assembly has taught me its forms, and I have learnt that the surest way to preserve the harmony and good understanding of the different branches of the Legislature is to preserve inviolate the privileges of either; it shall therefore be my study to maintain the privileges of the Assembly, and cautiously to guard against any intrusion on the rights of the other Branches; and your Excellency may rely on my exertions to promote the ease and comfort of your administration.

I beg leave to demand, on the part of the Commons of Nova-Scotia; the enjoyment of their usual and ancient privileges; that they and their Servants may be free from