of the clock into the place where the Members of the House of Assembly usually sit. John Whidden, Esq. Clerk of the House of Assembly, and James Finlayson Gray, Esq. Clerk Assistant, attending in the House; and the list of the names of the said Members returned as before set forth for the several Counties and Townships throughout the Province, having been called over by the Clerk, they all appeared and took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, in the presence of the said Commissioners attending.

After which, a Message was delivered by John James Sawyer, Esquire, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. Gov. requires attendance of House

Gentlemen,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where the President of the Legislative Council said, House attend Gov.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

I have it in command from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that he will defer declaring the causes for which he hath convened this General Assembly, until the House of Assembly have elected a Speaker. Directed to choose Speaker

It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure, that the House of Assembly do repair to the place where they usually sit, and there elect a Speaker, and present him here for His Excellency's approbation.

And the House being returned,

James R. Dewolf, Esquire, (addressing himself to the Clerk, who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down) proposed to the House, for their Speaker, the Honorable James Boyle Uniacke, and moved "that the Honorable James Boyle Uniacke do take the Chair of this House as Speaker:" which motion was seconded by John Heckman, Esq. Choice of Speaker Hon Mr. Uniacke proposed

Then Reuben Clements, Esquire, in like manner, proposed to the House, for their Speaker, the Honorable Joseph Howe, and moved "that the Honorable Joseph Howe do take the Chair of this House as Speaker:" which motion was seconded by Alexander M. Upham, Esquire. Hon. Mr. Howe proposed

And after a Debate in relation to both the said Members,

The question was put by the Clerk, that the Honorable James Boyle Uniacke do take the Chair of this House as Speaker. Division upon Mr. Uniacke's nomination

The House divided.—The yeas on the right 22
The noes on the left 26

So it passed in the negative. Negatived

Then the question was put by the Clerk, that the Honorable Joseph Howe do take the Chair of this House as Speaker. Division upon Mr. Howe's nomination

The House again divided.—The yeas on the right 25
The noes on the left 23 Hon. Mr. Howe chosen Speaker

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon, Mr. Howe was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Clements and Mr. Upham, and, standing on the upper step, addressed the House as followeth:

Gentlemen,

"I feel more deeply than I can express the high compliment which has just been paid me. To deserve the honor to which you have elevated me, the highest in the gift of the Commons of my native Country, will be the study of my future life. With many of you I have been for years associated, in public and in private, and the confidence reposed in me by those who know me best, at this moment, almost overpowers me. I trust, however, that those with whom I may have differed at times, will do me the justice to believe, that hereafter every feeling which past contests may have aroused, will be buried and forgotten; and that in the discharge of my official duties, I shall act with firmness and impartiality, Returns thanks

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