
 PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

THE EARL OF MULGRAVE.

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over her Majesty's province of Nova Scotia and its dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

L. S.
MULGRAVE.

TO THE HONORABLE HUGH BELL,
THE HONORABLE MATHER B. ALMON, AND
THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER KEITH.

Greeting:

Know ye that, by virtue of the authority in me vested as the Lieutenant-Governor of the said province, I have constituted and appointed, and do by these presents constitute and appoint you the said Hugh Bell, Mather B. Almon, and Alexander Keith, to be Commissioners, you or any of you, to administer the oath of allegiance to each of the persons elected, or who shall be elected, Members of the House of Assembly of the said province.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at Halifax, this twenty-fifth day of January, in the twenty-third year of her Majesty's reign, A. D. 1860.

By his Excellency's command,

CHARLES TUPPER.

Returns to writs of election read.

The acting Clerk then read the returns of the Sheriffs to the respective writs of election, and the protests or papers accompanying four of the said writs, namely,

The writs for the election of Members to represent,—

Queens' county,
the north division of Queens' county,
the south division of Queens' county, and
the north division of Hants' county,

respectively.

Members sworn.

The Members returned were then severally called by the acting Clerk, and the oath of allegiance was administered to all of the above mentioned Members, and taken and subscribed by them in the presence of the said Commissioners.

Message—

After which a message was delivered by John James Sawyer, esquire, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

"Gentlemen,

Governor commands attendance.

"His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands the immediate attendance of this honorable House in the council chamber."

House attend.

Accordingly the House went up to attend his Excellency in the council chamber, when the President of the Legislative Council said—

*"Honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council; and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

House to choose Speaker.

"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 the general assembly, until the House of Assembly have elected a 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