

Shortly afterwards *Xenophon Jouett*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, delivered the following Message, *to wit* :

“ His HONOR the PRESIDENT commands this Honorable House to attend His HONOR immediately in the Council Chamber.”

Accordingly the House went up to attend His HONOR the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber, when the Honorable *JONATHAN BLISS*, Esquire, Chief Justice, addressed the House as follows, *to wit* :

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*
“ *and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ His HONOR the PRESIDENT has been pleased to command me to acquaint you, that he doth not think fit to declare the causes of calling this General Assembly till there shall be a *Speaker* of the House of Assembly.

“ It is therefore His HONOR’s pleasure, that you Gentlemen of the Assembly, do immediately repair to the place where the Assembly usually sit, and there chuse a fit person to be your *Speaker*, and that you present the person who shall be so chosen to His HONOR for his approbation, on Monday morning next at Eleven of the Clock..”

The House having then returned to their Chamber,

Captain *Stair Agnew*, Member for York, rose, and addressing himself to the Clerk, said “ Mr. *Anderson*, His HONOR the PRESIDENT having directed the Members to proceed immediately to the choice of a *Speaker* : I rise to address you as the Clerk, and to propose, Sir, that *Amos Botsford*, Esq. be *Speaker* of this House of Assembly.

“ The length of service of this Gentleman, coeval with the political existence of the Province, as *Speaker* ; the zeal and respectability which has always distinguished his conduct in that character; and the professional talents which eminently qualify him to discharge the important duties of this Office, are the motives which induce me to propose him; and I trust Sir, are sufficient to prevail with Gentlemen unanimously to re-elect him their *Speaker*.”

Which Motion was seconded by General *Coffin*, Member for King’s.

Whereupon he was accordingly elected *nemine contra dicente*, and conducted to the Chair.

When standing upon the step, *Amos Botsford*, Esquire, expressed the high sense he entertained of the recent instance of the confidence of the House in nominating him to the Chair; that if his past conduct had merited their approbation, it must have arisen from the steady and uniform support he had heretofore received from the Members of the House; that he felt himself inadequate to so important an Office, and unequal to the discharge of the duties of that high station, and hoped that Gentlemen would not be so precipitate in making the Election, but think on some more proper person to fill the Chair.

He stated his utmost gratitude; that he yet wished their further deliberation; that the House would fix their attention on some other Gentleman, and permit him to do the duty of a private Member.

But the House said No, No.—Whereupon he said he should submit himself to the commands of the House; and took the Chair *nem con*.

The House Adjourned until Monday 10 o’Clock.

MONDAY,