

thereof they [or either] of them are to make due return under their hands and Seals unto Our Governor of Our said Island with these Presents annexed.

Given under the Great Seal of Our aforesaid Island.

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Major-General Sir JOHN HARVEY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, and of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, the Fourth day of January, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

*By His Excellency's command,*

JAMES CROWDY.

Oaths administered to J. Slade, Esq., and R. J. Parsons, Esq.

The said Commissioners came between the hours of one and two o'clock, p. m., on this day, into the said Committee Room, where the Members were assembled, and there administered the usual State Oaths to

JOHN SLADE, Esquire, returned duly elected Member for the District of Fogo in the present General Assembly; and also to

ROBERT JOHN PARSONS, Esquire, returned duly elected Member for the District of St. John's in the stead of the Honorable WILLIAM CARSON, deceased, late one of the Members for the said District.

and they take their seats.

And the said JOHN SLADE and ROBERT JOHN PARSONS having taken and subscribed the Oaths prescribed by Law, took their Seats as Members of the House accordingly.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

At two o'clock, a Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Joseph Templeman, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod:

*Mr. Speaker, Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen:*

His Excellency the Governor commands your immediate attendance in the General Assembly Room.

House attend His Excellency.

Accordingly, the Honorable Mr. SPEAKER, with the Members of the Legislative Council, and of the House of Assembly present, attended His Excellency the Governor in the General Assembly Room.

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency's Speech.

After some time His Excellency the Governor retired, and the Honorable Mr. SPEAKER having taken the Chair, he reported that the House had been in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and which is as follows: