

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went up to the Council Chamber. And being returned—

The Honorable Mr. Speaker reported that he had addressed His Excellency to the effect following:—

*"May it please Your Excellency,*

"Your Excellency having communicated your pleasure to the Assembly, they returned to the place where they usually deliberate, and immediately proceeded to choose a Speaker. They have elected me to that important and honorable position, and now present me to be approved of by Your Excellency."

The Honorable Mr. Black, President of the Legislative Council, then spoke as follows:—

*"Mr. Hanington,*

"I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to assure you, that he is fully sensible of your zeal for the Public Service, and of your sufficiency to execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected by the House of Assembly, and that he doth most readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker."

That he, Mr. Speaker, then addressed His Excellency in the following words:—

*"May it please Your Excellency,*

"Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the choice which the House of Assembly have made in electing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty, on their behalf, and in the name of the Assembly, to claim and demand that they have all their ancient and accustomed rights and privileges, particularly freedom of speech; freedom from arrest; access to Your Excellency whenever the Public Service may require it; and that the most favourable construction be put upon all their proceedings;—and on my own behalf, I have to entreat that any error of mine may not be imputed to the Loyal Commons of New Brunswick."

To which the President of the Legislative Council replied—

*"Mr. Speaker,*

"His Excellency hath the utmost confidence in the loyalty and attachment of this House of Assembly to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings; and he doth most readily and willingly grant and allow them all their privileges in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time heretofore been granted and allowed.

"With respect to yourself, Sir, though His Excellency is sensible that you do not stand in need of such assurance, His Excellency will ever put the most favourable construction on your words and actions."

Mr. Fisher moved for leave to bring in a Bill to enable a majority of the Rate payers on Property to establish a Municipality in any County.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. Cutler moved for leave to bring in a Bill to exclude certain persons from being Members of the Assembly.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. Harding moved for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize that part of the City of Saint John called Carleton, to obtain Water from Spruce and other Lakes; and the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City to issue Scrip to defray the expenses of so doing.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

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