

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 the choice of the House of Assembly in electing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty, in the name and on behalf of the Assembly, to claim and demand that they have all their ancient and accustomed rights and privileges; especially freedom from arrest—freedom of speech in debate—access to Your Excellency when they think the public service requires it; and that the most favourable construction be put upon all their proceedings: And on my own behalf I have to request that any error of mine may not be imputed to the Assembly."

To which the Honorable Mr. Saunders, sitting as 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 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."

The Honorable Mr. Fisher moved for leave to bring in—A Bill to authorize the detention for a limited time of such persons as shall be suspected of committing acts of hostility against Her Majesty's Person and Government.

Leave granted.

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

Mr. Beckwith moved for leave to bring in—A Bill to authorize the City Council of the City of Fredericton to assess for Agricultural purposes.

Leave granted.

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

Dr. Dow moved for leave to bring in—A Bill to authorize the County of York to assess for Agricultural purposes.

Leave granted.

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

Mr. Beckwith moved for leave to bring in—A Bill in addition to and in further amendment of an Act to alter and amend an Act intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Fredericton."

Leave granted.

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