

him to the Legislative Council, and that he had already taken and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, before one of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Governor General for that purpose.

The Writ of Summons was then read by the Clerk as follows :—

PROVINCE OF }
CANADA. } SYDENHAM.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith.

To our trusty and well-beloved *Gabriel Roy*, Esquire.

GREETING.

KNOW Ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our Province of Canada, and the Church thereof concern; We have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province, and We do command you, the said *Gabriel Roy*, Esquire, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear, for the purposes aforesaid, in the Legislative Council of our said Province, at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be, in our said Province, convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed.

Witness our right trusty and well-beloved the RIGHT HONOURABLE CHARLES, BARON SYDENHAM, of Sydenham, in the County of Kent, and of Toronto, in Canada, one of our most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

At our Government-House, in our Town of Kingston, in our said Province of Canada, the fourteenth day of June, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, and in the fourth year of our reign.

THOS. AMIOT,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

The Honourable *Mr. Roy* was then introduced by the Honourable Messieurs *Quesnel* and *Bruneau*, and took his seat accordingly.

At three o'clock P. M. his Excellency the Governor-General having come to the Legislative Council chamber, and being seated in the chair on the throne, the Speaker of the Legislative Council commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, it was his Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in this House; who being come;

Mr. Cuvillier said,

May it please your Excellency;

According to law, the Legislative Assembly have proceeded to the election of a Speaker; I am the person upon whom their choice has fallen.

If, in the execution of the important duties of my station, I should at any time fall into error, I entreat that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I have the honour to be; and that they may be the better enabled to discharge their duty to Her Majesty and their country, I do in their name, and on their behalf, by humble petition, lay claim to all their rights and privileges, particularly that they may have liberty of speech for the better management of their debates, access to your Excellency's person on all reasonable occasions, and that their proceedings may receive from your Excellency the most favourable interpretation.

Then the Speaker of this House said :

Mr. Speaker;

I am commanded by his Excellency the Governor-General to declare to you, that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you, that the Assembly shall have ready access to his Excellency upon all reasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

Then his Excellency the Governor-General was pleased to open the Session, by a gracious speech to both Houses.

The Legislative Assembly having withdrawn, his Excellency was pleased to retire.

His Excellency the Governor General comes to the House and Commands the attendance of the Assembly.

The Assembly attends.

Mr. Cuvillier acquits his Excellency that the Assembly have chosen him to be their Speaker, and on their behalf lays claim to all their rights and privileges.

Speaker of this House, by command of his Excellency, assures the Speaker of the Assembly that the constitutional privileges of that House will, upon all occasions, be recognized and allowed.

His Excellency opens the session by a gracious speech to both Houses;

And retires.

The

Writ summoning the Hon. Gabriel Roy to the Legislative Council.