

On the second day of December last, his Excellency the Governor was pleased to issue a further proclamation, (hereunto annexed,) appointing Thursday, the 26th day of January instant, for the meeting of the new general Assembly for the despatch of business, and to require the Members to attend in general Assembly on that day at Halifax.

At twelve o'clock at noon this day, all the Members returned met in the room of the House of Assembly in the provincial building, W. H. Keating, esquire, the first Clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Province, attending the House by virtue of a commission from his Excellency the Governor, dated 24th January, 1860, authorizing him to act as the Clerk of the House of Assembly until the election of a Speaker and a first Clerk of the House, which commission was then read by Mr. Keating, and is as follows :

Acting Clerk attends under commission.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

THE EARL OF MULGRAVE,

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Her Majesty's province of Nova Scotia and its dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

L. S.
MULGRAVE.

To WILLIAM H. KEATING, *First Clerk in the office of the Secretary of said province,*

Greeting :

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and do, by the advice of the Executive Council of the said province, hereby during pleasure constitute and appoint you the said William H. Keating, to act as the Clerk of the House of Assembly on the opening of the first session of the twenty-second general Assembly of the said province, for the despatch of business, on the twenty-sixth day of January instant, and until a Speaker and first Clerk of the said House shall have been duly elected, hereby granting unto you all the rights, powers, and advantages, which to the said office do or may lawfully appertain, and requiring you diligently to perform the duties thereof.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at Halifax, this twenty-fourth day of January, in the twenty-third year of her Majesty's reign, A. D. 1860.

By his Excellency's command,

CHARLES TUPPER.

The honorable Hugh Bell and the honorable Mather B. Almon, by virtue of a commission from his Excellency the Governor, dated 25th January, 1860, authorising the said commissioners and the honorable Alexander Keith, or any of them to administer to the Members elect the oath of allegiance, came into the place where the Members of the House of Assembly usually sit, and the commission was produced by them and read, and is as follows :—

Commissioners attend and administer oaths.