

JOURNAL

AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

FRIDAY, 7th JUNE, 1799.

The following Members having assembled agreeably to his Excellency's Proclamation bearing date the 25th March, 1799.

Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Solicitor General,
Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. James,

Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Tonge,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Embrie,
Mr. Lushby,
Mr. Moody,
Mr. Morris.

The Clerk acquainted the said Members, that he had received a Letter from the Speaker, dated the 22d May last, addressed to them; which Letter the Clerk by their Direction read, and is as follows, viz :

GENTLEMEN,

" I have the Honor to inform you, that his Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint me his Consul-General for the Eastern States of America, and that I am commanded to repair to *New-York* without Delay, to take upon me the exercise of that Office. It will therefore be out of my Power to meet you in the next Session of the Assembly. I have communicated this to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and acquainted him that the Speaker's Chair will, by my Absence, be vacant.

" Permit me to assure you, that I am gratefully sensible of the Honor you conferred on me in electing me Speaker of the present *House of Assembly*, and of the Attention and Respect I have ever received from you in that, my official Capacity. I have the Satisfaction to add, that the Conduct of the House has invariably been limited within the Bounds of cool and temperate Debate, and that neither Party Zeal, or Opposition, have, in any instance attempted to obtrude upon sober Reason and unbiassed Candor, of the Truth of these Remarks, the Journals and other Proceedings of the House, will, at all Times afford incontestible Evidence.

" To err is the Lot of human Nature, if therefore in performing the arduous and important Duty, to which you Gentlemen, were pleased to call me, I have in any instance been guilty of Inattention, or in any other Manner remiss in my Duty, I sincerely intreat your Pardon.

" Although I shall ever obey the Commands of my Sovereign with Alacrity and Cheerfulness, and am duly sensible of the Honor he has conferred upon me, still permit me to add, I leave this Province, which for many Years past, I have been led to value infinitely beyond the place of my Nativity, with real Regret. I love and respect the Inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia*, and consider them at present as the happiest and most favored people on the Globe. I trust they feel with me the superior Advantages of their Situation, in being possessed of a Constitution, which affords Protection to their Persons and Property, and in enjoying every Blessing, which a wise and affectionate King can dispense to his faithful Subjects. My fervent Prayers,