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**Friday, 29th December, 1837.**

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*Prayers.*

The House being met, and the Honorable Mr. Speaker elect having taken the Chair, A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by Isaac Woodward Jouett, Esquire, 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—

Mr. Speaker reported, that he addressed His Excellency to the effect following :—

*“ May it please Your Excellency,*

*“ The Assembly yesterday, having received Your Excellency’s commands, returned to the place where they usually sit, and immediately proceeded to choose a Speaker. They have elected me to that important office, and now present me to be approved of by Your Excellency. Aware, however, of my inability properly to discharge the duties of that important situation, I pray Your Excellency to disapprove of the choice which the Assembly have made, and command them to choose a more fit person.”*

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice Chipman then spoke as follows :—

*“ MR. SIMONDS—*

*“ I am commanded by His Excellency to assure you, that he is so fully sensible of your zeal for the public service, and your sufficiency to execute the duties of the high office to which you have been elected by the House of Assembly, that he doth most readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.”*

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

*“ May it please Your Excellency,*

*“ I submit with due humility to Your Excellency’s pleasure, and it now becomes my duty, on behalf of the Assembly, to demand, by humble petition, that they have all their ancient and undoubted rights and privileges, especially freedom of speech, freedom from arrest, access to Your Excellency whenever the public service may require it, and that the most favorable construction be put upon all their proceedings ; and on my own behalf I have to intreat that any error of mine may not be imputed to the Assembly.”*

To which the Honorable the Chief Justice again 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 an assurance, His Excellency will ever put the most favorable construction on your words and actions.”*

Mr. Street moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to incorporate sundry persons by the name of *The President, Directors and Company of the Mirumicki Bank.*

Leave granted.

Mr. Speaker then further reported, that when in attendance on His Excellency in the Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses ; and that he (Mr. Speaker) had, to prevent mistakes, procured a copy thereof ; which he read to the House, and is as followeth :—

*“ Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*“ Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

*“ THE loss which the Nation has sustained in the death of His late Majesty WILLIAM THE FOURTH, of revered memory, has been followed by an exhibition of national feeling, from which every loyal subject in our widely extended Colonial Empire will not fail to derive*