

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

*" May it please Your Excellency,*

*" Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the choice which the House of Assembly have made in electing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty on their behalf, and in the name of the Assembly, to claim and demand that they have all their ancient and accustomed rights and privileges ; particularly freedom of speech—freedom from arrest—access to Your Excellency at such times as they may 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 House of Assembly."*

To which the 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 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 assurance, His Excellency will ever put the most favourable construction on your words and actions."*

The Honorable Mr. Watters moved for leave to bring in—A Bill to alter and amend the Law relating to the Office of Stipendiary Magistrate for the City of Saint John.

Leave granted.

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

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

*Resolved*, That the Reverend William Q. Ketchum, A. B., be the Chaplain to this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Fisher,

*Resolved*, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to cause a Writ to be issued to the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, for the Election of a Member to serve in the General Assembly, instead of the Honorable Samuel Leonard Tilley, who has accepted the office of Provincial Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell,

*Resolved*, That the Rules in force during the existence of the late House for the government of the Assembly, shall govern the proceedings of this House until altered, amended, or repealed.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Watters,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of three Members, to make arrangements for Reporting and Publishing the Debates of this House the present Session.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. Watters, the Honorable Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Allen, do compose the said Committee.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Fisher,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed on the part of this House, to unite with the Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council, in the management of the Legislative Library.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. Fisher, Mr. Gray, and the Honorable Mr. Johnson, do compose the said Committee ; and further

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. Fisher do communicate the same to the Council.

Mr. Speaker then further reported—That when in attendance on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in the Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses, of which, Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows :—

*" Mr.*