

House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by Mr. [unclear] timer, and conducted to, and placed in, the Chair accordingly; and, thereupon, Mr. Speaker Elect addressed the Members as follows:—

*Gentlemen,*

IN being thus placed in the highest Elective Office in this Country, I cannot but feel how few are the claims I possess to this distinguished mark of your favor, and how much I owe to your friendship and good will.

In rising to offer you my most grateful thanks, suffer me to add to them, my solemn assurance, that I will, upon all occasions, endeavour to promote the interests of the Province we represent, as far as I understand them, and my humble abilities will permit; and I beg you to believe, that the preservation of the privileges and order of this Assembly, shall be amongst the first objects of my care.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George, commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker Elect, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker Elect was presented to His Excellency, by Mr. Crane, Member for the Town of Horton, who addressed His Excellency as follows:—

*May it please Your Excellency,*

IN obedience to your Excellency's Commands, the Commons have proceeded to choose a Speaker, and have unanimously elected SIMON BRADSTREET ROBIE, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor General, to that Office, and, by their direction, I beg leave to present him for your Excellency's approbation.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to say:—

I approve of the Speaker which the House of Assembly have chosen.

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had been in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and that he had spoken to the following effect:—

*May it please Your Excellency,*

THE choice made by the House of Assembly, of me to be their Speaker, and your Excellency's approbation of their choice, prevent me from deeming myself altogether unqualified to fill that Office, however much I may feel my numerous deficiencies—deficiencies which their partiality, and your Excellency's indulgence, have consented to overlook. It must be my care, as it shall be my unceasing endeavour, by attention to the duties of the station, in some measure to deserve the confidence which has been thus liberally bestowed.

On the part of the Representatives of the People of Nova-Scotia, and in their name, I have humbly to demand the enjoyment of all their usual and customary privileges: that they may have freedom of speech in their debates; that they and their servants may be free from all arrests; and that whenever the good of His Majesty's Service, and the interests of the Province, shall require it, the House may have access to your Excellency's Person; and if, in any communication which, by the direction of the House, I may make to your Excellency, any error shall happen, that the fault may be imputed, not to the House, but to me.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that His Excellency, in reply, said:—

*Mr. Speaker,*

I CHEERFULLY grant to the House of Representatives, the enjoyment of all its usual and customary Privileges.

After which, Mr. Speaker said His Excellency was pleased to make a SPEECH, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows:—