

for the immediate attendance of the House of Assembly, with its Speaker, elect, at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and retired.

The Speaker, elect, with the Officers of the House and Members present, agreeably to the commands delivered, repaired to the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and, being returned,

Officers and Members present with Speaker Elect, attend, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency's approval of their choice, with the usual assurances.

Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and had given assurance that any error or omission which he might fall into in the execution of the duties of his office, should be imputed to him and not to the House, and that his words and actions should, at all times, receive, from His Excellency, the most favourable interpretation.

On motion of *Mr. Gowan*, seconded by *Mr. Sherwood*,

Writ of Election to issue for County of Leeds, for a Member in the place of Jonas Jones, Esq.

*Ordered*—That the Speaker do direct the proper Officer to issue a writ of Election for the return of one Member for the County of Leeds, in the room of *Jonas Jones, Esquire*, who has vacated his seat in the House by the acceptance, since the last Session of the Legislature, of the office of Registrar for the County of Dundas,

*Mr. McDonell*, of Stormont, seconded by *Mr. Shaver*, moves,

Motion that Writ of Election do issue for County of Stormont, for one member in place of A. McLean, Esq.

That the Speaker do direct the proper Officer to issue a Writ of Election for the return of one Member for the County of Stormont, in the room of *Archibald McLean, Esquire*, who has vacated his seat in the House, by the acceptance, since the last Session of the Legislature, of the office of Registrar for the County of Dundas.

Amendment.

In amendment, *Mr. Morrison*, seconded by *Mr. Parke*, moves, that all after the word "Esquire" be expunged, and the following inserted, "having been appointed a Judge of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, in this Province."

Division on amendment.

On which the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows:—

Yeas 17.

YEAS—*MESSIEURS Aikman, Chisholm*, of Halton, *Chisholm*, of Glengarry, *Dellor, Ferrie, Gibson, Gowan, McDonell*, of Stormont, *McIntosh, McMicking, Moore, Morrison, Parke, Shaver, Sherwood, Thomson, and Woodruff*—17.

Nays 23.

NAYS—*MESSIEURS Armstrong, Attorney General, Bockus, Boulton, Caldwell, Cartwright, Cornwall, Dellor, Dunlop, Elliott, Jarvis, Kearnes, Malloch, Manahan, Marks, Mathewson, McCrea, McDonell*, of Northumberland; *McKay, Merritt, Murney, Powell, Prince, Richardson, Robinson, Ruttan, Rykert, Shade*—23

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of eleven.

Original question carried.

The original question was then put and carried.

Postage Account of Session to be defrayed from Contingencies

On motion of *Mr. Gowan*, seconded by *Mr. Mathewson*,

*Ordered*—That the postage on all letters, papers, and packages, not exceeding six ounces in weight, to and from the Members of this House, during the present Session, be paid by the Clerk of the House, and charged in the contingent account.

Speaker reports Speech.

*Mr. Speaker* reported that when the House attended His Excellency, at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with a most gracious Speech from the Throne, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had procured a copy, and which, with the permission of the House, he would read.

Speech read.

The Speech was then read as follows:—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

Speech.

In the name of our most Gracious Sovereign, I have summoned this extraordinary Session of the Legislature, because I have deemed it constitutional that you should respectively be called upon to share with me in the consideration of the Commercial difficulties which have assailed this Province; and having been embarrassed by circumstances which it has been impossible for me to avert, it is with satisfaction that I see again assembled before me those upon whose legislative wisdom and experience I am proud to be entitled to rely.

The unprecedented event which has caused the convention of the Legislature of this Province, is, the Banks of the neighbouring Republican States having determined simultaneously to refuse to redeem the Notes they had promised to pay on demand; the reason given to the public Creditor being, that it had be-