

Message from the Govern-
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A Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Joseph Templeman, Esq. Usher of the Black Rod.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen—

His Excellency the Governor commands your immediate attendance in the Assembly Room.

Members attend on his
Excellency.

Accordingly, the Members present attended His Excellency in the General Assembly Room, when the Hon. the Attorney General, by command of his Excellency, said—

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,—

Directed to choose a
Speaker

His Excellency's commands to you are, that you proceed in the choice of one of your Body to preside over your Legislative deliberations as your Speaker; and that you be prepared to present the Member so elected for His Excellency's approbation in this Chamber, on to-morrow at two o'clock.

His Excellency is of opinion that it would involve an infringement of the privileges conferred upon a portion of the Members of this General Assembly, by their nomination received from the Crown, if they should be required to exercise their Legislative functions under the superintendence of a Speaker or President in whose selection they have had no choice.

The Members then retired, and shortly after returned to the General Assembly Room—Robert Roberts Wakeham Esq., Clerk of the late General Assembly, attending in the House—and the Members being seated,

Mr. O'Brien (addressing himself to the Clerk) moved, seconded by Mr. Nugent,

Hon. W. Carson proposed.

That the Hon. William Carson do take the chair of this House as Speaker—whereupon

The Hon. William Thomas in like manner moved, seconded by Mr. Ridley,

Hon. J. Crowdy proposed.

That the Hon. James Crowdy do take the chair of this House as Speaker.

Question put as to the Hon
W. Carson.

The question was then put by the Clerk, that the Hon. William Carson do take the chair of this House as Speaker; and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine; against it, twelve:

Division.

For the motion—

Against the motion—

The Hon. Mr. Tobin
“ “ Mr. Kent
Mr. Nugent
Mr. Morris
Mr. Hanrahan
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Dillon
The Hon. Mr. Carson.

The Hon. Attorney General
“ “ Mr. Dunscomb
“ “ Thomas
“ “ Row
“ “ Noad
“ “ Bennett
Mr. Robinson
Mr. Carter
Mr. Barnes
Mr. Glen
Mr. Ridley
Mr. Munn.