

man and Mr. Dingwell, and standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House, for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him, by choosing him to be their Speaker.

Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, then went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when Mr. Speaker elect acquainted His Excellency that the House had chosen him to be their Speaker, and humbly trusted their election would meet His Excellency's approbation.

Whereupon the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council said :

HON. MR. THORNTON :

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you, that he hath so good an opinion of your integrity, diligence and sufficiency for executing the important office to which you have been elected, that His Excellency is perfectly satisfied with the choice which the House of Assembly have made, and doth allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.

And hereupon Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency to the following effect :

May it please Your Excellency ;

As you have been pleased to approve of the choice of the House of Assembly in appointing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty as such, respectfully to request of your Excellency, that all the usual rights, immunities and privileges accorded to previous Houses of Assembly may be granted to this House, amongst which are, freedom from arrest, freedom of speech in their debates, and free access to your Excellency on all suitable occasions, in matters connected with the business of the House of Assembly and the welfare of the Colony.

The President of the Council then replied :

Mr. Speaker ;

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to say, that His Excellency being fully assured of the prudence, loyalty and good affection of the House of Assembly, most willingly grants to them all their privileges,

conformably to ancient usage, the laws of the land, and Her Majesty's Instructions.

The House being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House did attend His Excellency this day in the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which was read by the Clerk, and is as followeth :

*Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :*

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

I am happy to meet you in your Legislative capacity, although the season at which I have been obliged to call you together must, I fear, occasion inconvenience to many of you.

Two events have recently occurred, either of which, I feel assured, you will consider of sufficient importance to justify this early meeting of the Legislature.

The one is the result of the negotiations between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States, in the mutual ratification of a Treaty which offers very considerable advantages to this Island, both in a Commercial and Agricultural point of view, in order to secure which, with the least possible delay, a measure will be submitted for your consideration.

The other event to which I have alluded, is the final withdrawal of the Detachment of Her Majesty's Troops which has hitherto been stationed in this Island.

The determination of Her Majesty's Government in this respect, has been more than once communicated to you by my predecessor, and you have had reason to expect that it would have been carried into effect at an earlier period.

Should any differences of opinion exist, with regard to the mode in which this difficulty is to be met, I trust they will not be such as to impede the immediate adoption of a measure, by which the Government of this Island will be placed in a position to maintain the supremacy of the Law, and to preserve internal tranquility under all circumstances.

The war in which our beloved Sovereign is unavoidably engaged has in some degree influenced the immediate removal of the Troops from this Island, and, in readily adopting such means, as are within your power to meet the emergency, you will give a substantial proof of the interest that I am sure you feel in the success of Her Majesty's arms, and in the speedy termination of the contest, on just and honourable grounds.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

The public accounts shall, in due course, be submitted to you: