

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and

"Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

"I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you that he doth not think fit to declare the causes for which he has summoned this General Assembly, until there shall be a Speaker of the House of Assembly. It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure, that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, do repair to the place where the Sittings of the Assembly are usually held, and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker; and that you present the person who shall be so chosen to His Excellency in this House to-morrow at the hour of one o'clock, P.M. for approval."

And the House being returned—

Mr. Ryan, a Member for King's County, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed Daniel Hanington, Esquire, a Member for the County of Westmorland, to fill the Office of Speaker, and moved that he take the Chair; which motion was seconded by the Honorable Mr. Wilmot, a Member for the County of Saint John—

And thereupon, after debate being had in relation thereto—

The Clerk, by order of the House, put the question—That Daniel Hanington, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Whereupon the House divided as follows:—

YEAS.

Hon. Mr. Partelow,	Mr. M'Leod,
Hon. Mr. Street,	Fisher,
Hon. Mr. Wilmot,	Brown,
Mr. Ryan,	M'Adam,
Purdy,	Gillmor,
Stevens,	Boyd,
Landry,	Gilbert,
Rice,	Tilley,
Macpherson,	Connell,
Taylor,	M'Clelan,
Lunt,	English.
Ferrie,	

NAYS.

Hon. Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Steadman,
Mr. Smith,	Sutton,
Ritchie,	M'Naughton,
Harding,	End,
Johnson,	Cutler,
Kerr,	Hatheway.
Botsford,	

And so it was carried in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Hanington was taken from his seat by Mr. Ryan and the Honorable Mr. Wilmot, and conducted by them to the Chair; and when on the steps, addressed himself to the House as followeth:—

"Gentlemen,

"Before taking the Chair, I return my thanks for the honor conferred upon me, and I feel that in the performance of the arduous and important duties devolving on the Speaker of the House of Assembly, I shall have the support and assistance of every honorable Member, and assure the House that my first object will be by strict impartiality and attention to business, to make the best return for the confidence now reposed in me."

Mr. Hanington then took the Chair; and

The House adjourned until the hour of 12 o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, 20th October. 1854.

Prayers.

The House met pursuant to adjournment; and

Mr. Speaker elect takes the Chair; when

Mr. M'Phelim, a Member returned for the County of Kent, as appears by the Roll handed in by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, being now present—

The Honorable Lemuel A. Wilmot, one of the Commissioners named in the Commission under the Great Seal for the duly qualifying the Members of the Assembly, attended and administered to him the oath, and he having subscribed his name thereto, took his Seat.