

JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

House of Assembly of Newfoundland.

Begun and holden at St. John's, on TUESDAY, the First Day of JANUARY, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Three, and in the Third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord William the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland, on Earth the Supreme Head.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1833.

HIS Excellency Sir THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Governor (by virtue of the power and authority to him given by His Majesty's Proclamation, bearing date the 26th day of July last) having, by his Proclamations bearing date the twentieth and twenty-first days of September last, hereunto annexed, summoned and called a General Assembly of this Island; and having appointed the same to meet at St. John's, the first day of January, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Three, the following are the Names of the Members returned by the Returning Officers of the several Districts of the Island to represent the same in the said General Assembly, viz:—

District of *St. John's*—JOHN KENT, WILLIAM THOMAS, and PATRICK KOUGH.

District of *Conception Bay*—ROBERT PACK, PETER BROWN, CHARLES COZENS, and JAMES POWER.

District of *Fogo*—THOMAS BENNETT.

District of *Trinity Bay*—JOHN BINGLEY GARLAND.

District of *Ferryland*—ROBERT CARTER.

District of *Placentia and St. Mary's*—ROGER FORSTAI SWEETMAN, and JOHN WILLS MARTIN.

District of *Burin*—WILLIAM HOOPER.

District of *Fortune Bay*—NEWMAN WRIGHT HOYLES.

District of *Bonavista*—WILLIAM BROWN.

By virtue and in pursuance of a Commission from His Excellency the Governor to the Honourable JAMES SIMMS, the Honourable WILLIAM HALY and DAVID BUCHAN, Esq.,—the said DAVID BUCHAN, Esq., one of the said Commissioners, came at Twelve of the Clock at noon into the Room where the Members of the House of Assembly were met, and the following Mem-

bers who appeared, took and subscribed the usual oaths prescribed by law in his presence, viz.:

District of *St. John's*—JOHN KENT, WILLIAM THOMAS, and PATRICK KOUGH.

District of *Conception Bay*—ROBERT PACK, PETER BROWN, and JAMES POWER.

District of *Trinity Bay*—JOHN BINGLEY GARLAND.

District of *Fogo*—THOMAS BENNETT.

District of *Ferryland*—ROBERT CARTER.

District of *Placentia and St. Mary's*—JOHN WILLS MARTIN.

District of *Fortune Bay*—NEWMAN WRIGHT HOYLES.

After which,

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Governor, by JOSEPH TEMPLEMAN, Esq. Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:—

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

His Excellency the Governor commands your attendance immediately in the Council Room.

Accordingly,

The Members went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Room, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Address:—

"GENTLEMEN,—A considerable portion of the respectable inhabitants of this Island petitioned His Majesty, earnestly soliciting that he would be pleased to grant to them a Local Government; and His Majesty, at all times solicitous, not only to promote the welfare of his subjects, but to meet their wishes, has been pleased to accede to their request—and we are this day met together to give effect to the boon their Gracious Sovereign has conferred upon them.

"GENTLEMEN,—Of all the various measures that have been pursued, or the changes that have from time to time taken place, to meet the varying condition of this colony, their importance dwindles into insignificance when compared with the momentous measure now about to be called into operation, in compliance with the desires of your fellow-countrymen, and in the hope of promoting their prosperity.

"You are now about to take upon you the most serious responsibility that can well devolve upon a people. Hitherto, like an heir under age, you have had no controul over your finances—while their deficiencies for your sup-