

Report.

speaking of the privileges of the House of Assembly;—he said they had no more privileges than any body of men met a for proper purpose—he instanced the Mechanics' Society.

PETER BROWN examined—What is your name?

Peter Brown.

Are you a member of the House of Assembly?

Yes.

Has anything occurred lately which you consider a violation of the privileges of the House of Assembly?

I have been served with a writ on this day at the suit of one Edward Kielley, seeking for damages for alleged injuries sustained by said Edward Kielley; the plaintiff's declaration is signed "B. ROBINSON." The institution of this suit is from acts performed by order of the House of Assembly, and under the authority of the Speaker's warrant, by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

Does Bryan Robinson, attorney for plaintiff, hold any situation under the Honorable the Board of Council?

He is Master-in-Chancery to the Board of Council.

WILLIAM CARSON examined—What is your name?

William Carson.

Are you a member of the House of Assembly?

I am member for the district of St. John's.

Are you Speaker of the House?

I am.

Has anything occurred that you considered a violation of the privileges of the House?

Yes. On the morning of opening the session (20th August) on entering the Speaker's room, I was served by the High Sheriff with a writ at the suit of one Edward Kielley, for £3000, to amerce me for duties performed by me as Speaker in the House, and by order of the House. The attorney to the writ and declaration is Bryan Robinson, Master-in-Chancery, who brings down to this House messages from the Council.

*Resolved*,—That Bryan Robinson, Esquire, Master in Chancery, attendant on her Majesty's Council, by contemptuous language and observations respecting the House of Assembly and the Members thereof, and by the suing out of certain Writs, at the suit of one Edward Kielley, for alleged damages against the Speaker and other members of this House, for proceedings within this House, has been guilty of a gross breach of the privileges of this House—and the said Bryan Robinson being an Officer of the Board of Council, this House cannot proceed against him for such contempt.

*Resolved*,—That the said Bryan Robinson be not admitted as the bearer of any message to this House until a message be despatched to her Majesty's Council acquainting the Council with their Resolution.