

Whereupon,

The Hon. the President of Her Majesty's Council, addressing Mr. Speaker, said: Ambrose Shea, Esq., I am commanded by His Excellency the Administrator, to inform you that His Excellency approves of the choice of which the House of Assembly have made of you to be their Speaker.

Mr. Speaker elect approved by His Excellency the Administrator.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Excellency to the following effect :

*May it please Your Excellency,*

Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the choice the House of Assembly have made of me to be their Speaker, it has now become my duty, in the name of the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects the Commons of Newfoundland, respectfully to demand all their accustomed rights and privileges; that they may have freedom of speech in their debates; that they may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament, and that I, as their Speaker, may have free access to Your Excellency's person.

Mr. Speaker demands the usual privileges.

Whereupon,

The Hon. the President of Her Majesty's Council, by command of His Excellency, said,

Mr. Speaker,—I am directed by His Excellency to assure you, that he will extend to you and the House of Assembly the amplest and fullest privileges which have been granted to your predecessors.

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair, Mr. Speaker reported that when in attendance on His Excellency the Administrator, His Excellency had been pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Legislature, of which, Mr. Speaker said, for the sake of accuracy, he had obtained a copy, and which he read to the House as follows :—

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

Mr. Speaker reads His Excellency's Speech.

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

It greatly enhances the satisfaction with which I meet you in General Assembly convened, thus early after my assumption of the Government of this ancient and loyal colony, that I am in a position to announce to you my intention to take immediate measures for establishing its Civil Administration upon that system, which now for some time past in successful operation in Her Majesty's other North American Possessions, is well known and understood under the designation of Responsible or Parliamentary Government.