

JOHN KENT, Esquire—

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that His Excellency approves of the choice which the House of Assembly have made of you to be their Speaker.

His Excellency the Governor approves of the Speaker chosen by the House.

Mr. SPEAKER then addressed His Excellency to the following effect :—

Mr. Speaker's address to His Excellency.

*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 now becomes my duty as such, in the name of the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects the people of Newfoundland, humbly to demand that they may have freedom of speech in their debates ; that they and their servants may be free from arrests, and that whenever Her Majesty's service and the interests of the Colony may require it, I, as their Speaker, may have free access to Your Excellency's person. For myself I hope the choice which the House of Assembly have made of me to be their Speaker, will lead Your Excellency to put the most favourable construction upon my conduct in discharging the duties of this important office.

Whereupon the President of the Council, by command of His Excellency, said :—

The President of the Council addresses Mr. Speaker.

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.

After some time His Excellency retired, and Mr. Speaker took the chair.

His Excellency retires, and Mr. Speaker takes the chair.

The Clerk Assistant, RICHARD HOLDEN, Esq. having taken the chair at the Clerk's table,

Clerk Assistant takes the chair at Clerk's table.

Mr. SPEAKER reported that the House had been in attendance upon His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make a speech, of which Mr. SPEAKER said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House as follows :—

The Speaker reads His Excellency's speech.

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

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

Our most Gracious Sovereign, with the advice of the Imperial Parliament, having been pleased to re-establish the Constitution of this Colony in its original form, with but some few alterations that the experience of times past has proved indispensable, I have called you together at this,