

The Hon. Mr. Hensley was then introduced between Mr. *Rice* and Mr. *Birnie*, and took his seat.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the Council Chamber, and being seated, the Gentlemen Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to inform the House of Assembly, that it is His Excellency's pleasure, that they do attend him in the Council Chamber, instantler; and the Members present having appeared at the Bar—

The President of the Council addressed them as follows :—

GENTLEMEN ;

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you, that His Excellency does not intend to declare the cause of calling this General Assembly until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly; and therefore you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, are to repair to the place where the House of Assembly usually meet and there proceed to the Election of a fit person to be your Speaker, whom you are to present to His Excellency here immediately for his approval.

The Gentlemen of the House of Assembly then withdrew, and in a short time returned, when the Honorable John Jardine addressed His Excellency, and stated, that agreeably to His Excellency's commands, the House of Assembly had proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and that their choice had fallen upon him.

The *President* of the Council then replied—

The Honorable JOHN JARDINE ;

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you, that he hath so good an opinion of your integrity, diligence and sufficiency for executing the important office to which you have been elected, that His Excellency is perfectly satisfied with the choice which the House of Assembly have made, and doth allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.

The Speaker then addressed His Excellency as follows :—

May it please YOUR EXCELLENCY ;

As you have been pleased to approve of the choice of the House of Assembly in appointing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty as such to inform your Excellency, as the privilege of the House, that the Members thereof may be freed from arrest, that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, and have free access to your Excellency on all occasions; and I do also, in their name and behalf, claim all their ancient rights and privileges.

Then the *President* of the Council replied in the following words :—

MR. SPEAKER ;

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to say, that His Excellency being fully assured of the prudence, loyalty and good affection of the House of Assembly, most willingly grants to them all their privileges, conformably to ancient usage, the laws of the land, and Her Majesty's instructions.