

High Sheriffs have, as commanded, held the said Elections, and returned to our Secretary of our said Island, the names of Twenty-four proper and fit persons, duly elected and qualified to serve us in our said Assembly: These are therefore to command you, or any two of you, that at such certain day and place as our Lieutenant Governor of our said Island shall appoint and direct, you go to such place, and on such day as aforesaid, and then and there administer unto each and every of the said Twenty-four persons who are returned as aforesaid, the Oaths appointed by Law to be by them taken; and when you shall have so administered the said Oaths, you shall send the same unto our said Secretary, certifying, under your Seals, what you shall have done in the premises, together with this Writ.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir Henry Vere Huntley, Knight, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over our said Island Prince Edward, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this Twenty-third day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty-seven.

By His Excellency's Command,
T. H. HAVILAND, Sec'y.

The said Commissioners came, between One and Two of the Clock, into the place where the Assembly sit—all the Members, with the exception of *Edward Whelan, Esq.*, being present—and administered to them the Oaths prescribed by Law.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Henry Palmer, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod:

Gentlemen;

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House at the Bar of the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, the Members present went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

The Honorable the President of the Legislative Council then said—

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

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 approbation.

The Members having returned, *George Coles, Esquire*, addressing Mr. *Cullen*, the Clerk, proposed *Alexander Rae, Esquire*, a Member for the Second Electoral District of Prince County, to be their Speaker; which was seconded by *John Macintosh, Esquire*.

The question being then put, whether *Alexander Rae, Esquire*, be elected to the office—

The House divided:

YEAS:

Mr. <i>Coles</i> ,	Mr. <i>Macdougall</i> ,
Mr. <i>Macintosh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fraser</i> ,
Mr. <i>Le Lacheur</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jardine</i> ,
Mr. <i>D. Macdonald</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mooney</i> .

NAYS:

Mr. <i>Montgomery</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. H. Conroy</i> ,
Mr. <i>Maclean</i> ,	Mr. <i>N. Conroy</i> ,
Mr. <i>Warburton</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Longworth</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>F. Longworth</i> ,
Hon. Mr. <i>Palmer</i> ,	Mr. <i>H. Macdonald</i> ,
Mr. <i>Haviland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Little</i> .

So it passed in the negative.

Donald Montgomery, Esquire, then proposed *Joseph Pope, Esquire*, a Member for the Third Electoral District of Prince County, to be their Speaker, which was seconded by *James H. Conroy, Esquire*.

And the question being put, whether *Joseph Pope, Esquire*, be elected to the office—

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Joseph Pope, Esquire, having been declared by the Clerk to be duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by *Donald Montgomery* and *James H. Conroy, Esquires*; and standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House, for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him, by choosing him to be their Speaker.

Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, then went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber; when Mr. Speaker elect acquainted His Excellency that the House