

FOR ROBERT HODGSON, Esq. *Elisba Coffin, Ralph Brecken Charles Stewart, Jun. Benjamin Coffin, Peter Macgowan, James Townsend, Hugh Montgomery, David Murray, Charles Stewart, Sen. and John Stowe, Esquires.*

FOR JOHN FREDERICK HOLLAND, Esq. *Angus M<sup>c</sup>Aulay, James B. Palmer, Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Donell, Coundouly Rankin, and James Bagnall, Esquires.*

The Clerk having declared *Robert Hodgson, Esq.* duly Elected, he was led to the Chair by *C. Stewart, Jun. Esq.* and *C. Stewart, Sen. Esq.* whereupon he said,

*Gentlemen,*

I return you my sincere thanks for the honor you have done me, in appointing me your Speaker. Permit me to assure you, Gentlemen, that my best abilities shall be exerted in your service; and I trust I may confidently hope for such assistance from you all, as will enable me to do the duty of Speaker, with honour to the House and advantage to the public, under such impressions I take the Chair.

According to His Excellency's Command, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker spoke to the following effect, viz.

*May it Please Your Excellency,*

The Lower House of Assembly having done me the honor to elect me their Speaker, I am now presented for your Excellency's approbation.

To which His Excellency was pleased to say he approved their choice. The Speaker then addressed His Excellency as follows, viz.

It now becomes my duty in their behalf to request of your Excellency as the privileges of this House, that the Members thereof during the Session may be freed from molestation, that they may have freedom of Speech in their debates; that they may have the power of punishing their own members, and have free and favorable access to your Excellency as his Majesty's Representative on all occasions. And I do also in their name and on their behalf beg leave to claim all their ancient rights and privileges.

His Excellency then was pleased to say.

"I have the fullest confidence, that the zeal, loyalty, and attachment of the House of Representatives to his Majesty, will on all occasions prompt the willing exertions of its abilities for promoting the welfare of His Royal service, and the prosperity of this Island.

"I rely on the temper and prudence of the House in its discussions and deliberations---and I readily allow and confirm in the most ample