

Honorables Hugh Alexander Emerson, and John Stuart, whom we have appointed to be Members of our Legislative Council aforesaid, giving to them and each our said Commissioners full power and authority to perform the matters hereinbefore mentioned, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever they, or either of them, shall do and perform in this behalf. And thereof they or either of them are to make due return under their or either of their hands and Seals unto our Governor of our said Island.

Given under the Great Seal of our aforesaid Island.

Witness our Trusty and well beloved Major General Sir John Harvey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, and of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, our Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over our said Island and its dependencies at St. John's, in our said Island the Fourteenth day of January, 1846, in the Ninth year of our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JAS. CROWDY.

Oath of Allegiance taken by the Hon. Messrs. Emerson and Stuart, and they take their seats in the General Assembly.

The said Commissioners came between the hours of One and Two o'clock p. m., on this day into the said Committee Room, where the said Members were assembled, and there administered the Oath of Allegiance to the said Honorables Hugh Alexander Emerson, and John Stuart, in the said *Dedimus Potestatem* mentioned, who thereupon took their Seats in the said General Assembly as Members of the Legislative Council of this Island.*

Message from the Governor by the Usher of the Black Rod.

At Two o'Clock a Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Joseph Templeman, Esq., Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Gentlemen and Gentlemen.

His Excellency the Governor commands your immediate attendance in the General Assembly Room.

Members attend the Governor in the General Assembly Room.

Accordingly the Honorable Mr. Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly present, attended His Excellency the Governor in the General Assembly Room.

Mr. Speaker reports the opening of the Session, and His Excellency's speech.

After some time His Excellency the Governor retired, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair, he reported that the House had been in attendance on 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, and which is as follows :

NOTE.—The oath of allegiance was administered to the said Legislative Councillors in lieu of the oaths heretofore prescribed, by virtue of an additional Royal Instruction, dated 29th November 1845.—(See Appendix.)