

of this House, and to nominate a Gentleman to fill that high and important office; one whose long experience as a Legislator, and thorough knowledge of Parliamentary usage, fully justify the appointment; and who on a former occasion was unanimously elected to that situation, the duties of which he discharged with great ability and impartiality—I mean the Honorable Charles Simonds, a Member for the County of Saint John, who, I feel confident, will discharge the duties imposed upon him with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Assembly,—I therefore move that the Honorable Charles Simonds do take the Chair.”

Mr. Hanington, a Member for the County of Westmorland, then addressed the Clerk, and said—

“ He felt it his duty to add his testimony to the able and impartial manner in which Mr. Simonds had formerly performed the duties of the Chair, to which honorable situation he had been elected by the unanimous voice of the House; and feeling that it would be highly satisfactory to that Gentleman, and of great advantage to him in the discharge of his important duties, to be elected without a division, he had great pleasure in seconding the motion of Mr. Hayward, having full confidence that he would again perform the arduous duties of the Chair with credit to himself and perfect satisfaction to the House.”

The Honorable Mr. Simonds being the only person placed in nomination, he was then taken from his seat by Mr. Hayward and Mr. Hanington and conducted by them to the Chair; and when standing on the step, addressed himself as follows:—

“ *Gentlemen,*

“ I thank you for the very flattering mark of confidence which you have extended to me by electing me to one of the most important and honorable situations in the Province.

“ I shall endeavour to discharge my duties impartially.

“ You are aware Gentlemen of the importance of adhering to the Rules of the House; and in my endeavours to enforce those Rules and preserve good order, I feel assured that I shall have the assistance of every Honorable Member of this Assembly.”

Mr. Simonds then took the Chair.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went up to the Council Chamber. And being returned—

Mr. Speaker reported that he had addressed His Excellency to the effect following:

“ *May it please Your Excellency,*

“ Your Excellency having communicated your pleasure to the Assembly, they returned to the place where they usually deliberate, and immediately proceeded to choose a Speaker. They have elected me to that important and honorable situation; and they now present me to be approved of by Your Excellency.”

The Honorable Mr. Black, President of the Legislative Council, then spoke as follows:—

“ *Mr. Simonds,*

“ I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to assure you, that he is fully sensible of your zeal for the Public Service, and of your sufficiency to execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected by the House of Assembly, and that he doth most readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.”

That he, Mr. Speaker, then addressed His Excellency in the following words:—

“ *May it please Your Excellency,*

“ Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the choice which the House of Assembly have made in electing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty
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