

In virtue of a Commission from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to the Honorables *Stephen Rice, Joseph Hensley and Edward C. Haythorne*, a copy of which is as follows:

**Prince Edward Island.**

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland, on earth the Supreme Head:

A. BANNERMAN, Lt. Governor.

To our trusty and well beloved the Honorables *Stephen Rice, Joseph Hensley and Edward C. Haythorne*.  
Greeting:

WHEREAS we have by our Writs commanded our High Sheriffs to assemble the several Inhabitants, Electors of this our Island of Prince Edward, and thereout to cause them to choose and elect Twenty-four proper and fit persons to serve us in a General Assembly, to be held for our service at Charlottetown, in our said Island: And whereas our said 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 Alexander Bannerman, Knight, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over our said Island Prince Edward, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this Eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty-four.

By His Excellency's Command,

JAMES WARBURTON,

Colonial Secretary.

The said Commissioners came, between One and Two of the Clock into the place where the Assembly sit, and Mr. John Ball, Deputy Colonial Secretary attending, delivered to the said Commissioners the several Sheriffs' Returns to the Writs of Election of such Members as had been returned to serve in this present General Assembly; the Commissioners did then administer 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 the Members of this Honorable House, at the Bar of the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, the Members went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where being—

The Honorable the President of the Legislative Council 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—

*Roderick Macaulay*, Esquire, addressing the Clerk, proposed the Hon. *John Jardine*, a Member for the Second Electoral District of King's County, to be their Speaker, which was seconded by *William Douse*, Esquire.