

John Robinson, Esquire, was elected Speaker *nemine contra dicente*, and conducted to the Chair: When on the step, *Mr. Robinson* expressed his gratitude to the House for the confidence reposed in him, but begged that they would upon further consideration confer the honor on some other of its Members and suffer him to do the duty of a private Member, but the House persisting in their choice, *Mr. Robinson* submitted himself to their commands, and took the Chair *nem con*.

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, the 14th day of JANUARY, 1813.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, when the *Speaker* elect having taken the Chair. The Clerk of the House proposed the appointment of *Samuel Denny Street*, Esquire, as his Deputy in the execution of the duties of the Clerkship of the House, and the House having assented to and approved of the said *Mr. Street* as a proper person to be appointed, the said *Samuel Denny Street* took his seat at the Clerk's table accordingly.

A Message was brought from His Honor the PRESIDENT by *Xenophon Jouett*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber, upon which the *Speaker* elect with the House, immediately attended his Honor in the Council Chamber, when the *Speaker* elect said,

“ May it please your Honor,

“ The House of Assembly of this Province having been deprived of their
“ Speaker by the death of the late *Amos Botsford*, Esquire, (who so long and
“ worthily filled that office) have in obedience to your Honor's command,
“ and according to their acknowledged right, proceeded to the election of
“ another to supply his place, and now humbly attend to present me to your
“ Honor as the person chosen; but your Honor knowing how inadequate
“ my abilities are to so arduous a station, will I trust disapprove their choice
“ and command them to elect another therefor more capable of fulfilling its
“ important duties.”

Whereupon the Honorable *Mr. Bliss*, the Chief Justice, spoke as follows:

“ *John Robinson*, Esquire, I am commanded by His HONOR the PRESIDENT, to acquaint you that he is so confident of your loyalty to His MAJESTY, of your integrity and ability for executing the important office into which you are elected, that His Honor is perfectly satisfied with the choice which the House of Assembly have made and doth allow and confirm you to be their Speaker;”—and then His HONOR the PRESIDENT made the following Speech to both Houses:—

“ Gentlemen of the Council, and

“ Gentlemen of the Assembly,

“ The Declaration of War on the part of the United States against Great-Britain, has rendered it necessary for me to require your attendance in General Assembly at an earlier period than the ordinary exigencies of the Province would have demanded; and while we deplore the infatuation that has induced our neighbours (blind to their own true interests) to lend their aid in support of that spirit of tyranny and universal dominion which Great-Britain has so long gloriously resisted; we are called upon vigorously to exert ourselves in defence of all that is dear and valuable to men; and the principal object that presents itself for your consideration upon this occasion is the revision of the Militia Law, with such additions and amendments as may be requisite to enable us most effectually to counter-act any hostile attempts of the enemy.

“ Gentlemen.