

Members attend His Excellency the Governor.

the Council Chamber, when the Hon. the President of the Legislative Council, by Command of His Excellency the Governor said,

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

House ordered to choose a Speaker.

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that His Excellency does not think fit to declare the cause for which he has summoned this General Assembly, until there is a Speaker of this Assembly. It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that you, gentlemen of the House of Assembly, do retire and proceed to the choice of some proper person as your Speaker, and that you present him for His Excellency's approbation.

And the House being returned to the Assembly Room,

Ambrose Shea proposed as Speaker.

P. F. LITTLE, Esquire, addressing himself to the Clerk (who standing up pointed to him and then sat down) proposed to the House as their Speaker, Ambrose Shea, Esq., and moved

That Ambrose Shea do take the Chair as Speaker of this House, which motion was seconded by John Kent, Esq.

And on the question being put thereon, it was

*Resolved,*—That Ambrose Shea, Esq., do take the Chair as Speaker of this House.

The Speaker conducted to the Chair.

Mr. SHEA was then conducted to and placed in the Chair by Mr. Little and Mr. Kent, when he addressed the House as follows :—

Address of the Speaker.

Gentlemen,—I have to express my sincere thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon me in choosing me to be your Speaker. I beg to assure you that it shall be my constant study to merit the confidence you have reposed in me by a strict attention to the duties of the important office with which you have been pleased to invest me ; and, I trust, by your assistance and support, to guard and maintain the privileges of this House, consistently with a due regard to the prerogatives of the Crown.

Mr. Speaker presented to His Excellency.

Mr. Speaker elect and the House then went to attend His Excellency the Administrator in the Council Chamber, when Mr. Speaker elect was presented to His Excellency by Mr. Little, who addressed His Excellency as follows :—

*May it please Your Excellency,*—

Mr. Little's address to His Excellency on presenting the Speaker elect for His Excellency's approval.

The House of Assembly, agreeably to Your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected Ambrose Shea, Esq., member for the District of St. John's (West) and by their direction, I beg leave to present him for Your Excellency's approbation.