

"Gentlemen,

"I return you my best thanks for the honor you have done me in voting me your Speaker. I intreat of you, (as I hope) that you will aid my slender abilities to support the Order, Rules and Dignity of the House."

The House having informed His Excellency, that it had made choice of a Speaker, a Message was sent down by the Usher of the black Rod, as follows, announced by the Sergeant at Arms, viz.

"A Message from His Excellency the Lt. Governor."

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod appeared at the Bar, and said,

"His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber: the House attended accordingly with its Speaker at its Head, when the President of His Majesty's Council addressed the House as follows,

"Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

"I am to acquaint you, by His Excellency's Command, that His Excellency is perfectly well satisfied, with the choice you have made of *Angus M^cAulay*, Esqr. to be your Speaker, and therefore His Excellency doth allow of, and confirm you *Angus M^cAulay*, Esq. to be Speaker of the House of Assembly."

The Speaker then addressed His Excellency as follows, viz.

"May it please your Excellency,

"As you have had the Goodness to approve of the choice of the Lower House of Assembly in appointing me to be its Speaker, it now becomes my duty, as such, to request of your Excellency, as the privilege of the House, that the Members thereof, during the Session, may be freed from molestation, that they may have freedom of Speech in their Debates, have the power of punishing their own Members—have free and easy access to your Excellency on all occasions; and I do also in their name and behalf beg leave to claim all their ancient Rights and Privileges."

The President of His Majesty's Council, then replied in the following words, viz.

"Mr. Speaker,

"I am commanded by His Excellency to say, that His Excellency being fully assured of the prudence, loyalty, and good affections of the House of Assembly, does most willingly grant to them all their privileges in as full a manner as

they have at any time been granted or allowed by His Excellency, or any former Governors of this Island."

The House having returned Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House attended this day in the Council Chamber His Excellency the Lieut. Governor was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses of the Assembly, of which Mr. Speaker said he had to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read and delivered in at the Clerk's Table, and is as follows, viz.

"Mr. President and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,

"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

"MY first wish in meeting you in a new General Assembly, is to express my readiness to co-operate in Measures for the advancement of the welfare of the Island:—feeling it at the same time incumbent upon me most seriously to recommend attention to such essential points, to the utter exclusion of all party spirit, or personal animosity. Proclamation or other notice having given perfect publicity to the gracious decision of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of the Quit Rent due to the Crown, it is unnecessary for me at present to do more than to remark, on the great bounty of His Royal Highness, in establishing so reduced a Scale of payment, as he has been pleased to adopt, and to observe on the great advantage thus arising to property out of a definitive arrangement of any kind, having been brought to a conclusion,

"The severe affliction he has experienced in the decease of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta, consort of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, with all its melancholy circumstances, has been nationally sympathised in and deplored throughout the British Dominions. I cannot better divert your attention from so mournful a subject than by calling it to the matters of congratulation afforded by the Nuptials of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence with the Princess Adelaide of Saxe Meinengen, eldest daughter of the reigning Duke of Saxe Meinengen. Let it be mentioned here with peculiar interest, of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, with Victoria Maria Louisa, consort of the late Prince of Leinengen, (sister of the reigning Duke of Saxe Cobourg, and of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe