

House attend Lieut.
Gov. with Speaker
elect.

Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, then went to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when Mr. Speaker elect was presented to His Excellency by Mr. Huntington, who addressed His Excellency as followeth :

May it please Your Excellency—

The House of Assembly, agreeably to Your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected William Young, Esquire, Member for the County of Inverness, to that office ; and, by their direction, I beg leave to present him for the approbation of Your Excellency.

Lt. Gov. approves of
Speaker

After which, His Excellency was pleased to say—"I approve of the Speaker whom the House of Assembly have chosen."

Speaker reports ap-
proval—

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair :

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker ; and that he had thereupon addressed His Excellency to the following effect :

And demands privi-
leges of House.

May it please Your Excellency—

Your Excellency's ready approval of the choice with which I have been honored by the House, having constituted me in due form the Speaker of the House of Assembly, it has now become my duty, in the name of the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects the people of this Province, respectfully to demand all their accustomed rights and privileges—that they may have freedom of speech in their debates—that they may be free from arrest during their attendance on Parliament—and that I, as their Speaker, may have free access to Your Excellency's person.

Assent of Gov. to
grant of privileges.

Mr. Speaker also reported that His Excellency, in reply, said—

Mr. Speaker—

I most cheerfully grant your request.

Speaker makes his
acknowledgments
for having been
chosen Speaker

Mr. Speaker then stated, that he had deferred making his acknowledgments to the House for the honor done him in his election as Speaker until their return from waiting on His Excellency, and begged to address them now as followeth :

Gentlemen—

For this renewed mark of the esteem of my political and personal friends I cannot but feel deeply grateful. In resuming the high office to which your favor has elevated me for the third time, I am animated by a strong desire so to conduct myself, as to make its authority respected ; and retaining perfect independence of thought and action while the House is in Committee, I will permit no distinctions of men or party to be seen in the discharge of my official duties. Circumstances may soon occur which, in my own judgment, may render it inexpedient that I should continue here—in that case I will ask your permission to resign the office—but, while I hold it, be assured, that it will be my earnest endeavour, as in past Sessions, to administer, without fear or favor, those rules which the wisdom of ages has matured, and which our experience approves, as essential to the order of our proceedings, and to the upholding of our own dignity.

Mr. Speaker then reported that His Excellency had, in the Council Chamber, been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, of which, Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy—which he read to the House as followeth :

Mr.