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PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT OF LOWER CANADA.

House of Assembly, Saturday, 8th January, 1825.

The members having met, and being previously sworn, they took their seats in the House, when a message was delivered from his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor by Chevalier D'Estimauville, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requesting their immediate attendance in the Legislative Council Chamber. Accordingly the members went up to attend his Excellency, where being, the Honourable Speaker of the Legislative Council said :—

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
and Gentlemen of the House of
Assembly,*

I am commanded by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that his Excellency does not think it fit to declare the causes for which he has summoned this Provincial Parliament, until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly.

It is therefore his Excellency's pleasure, that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly do forthwith repair to the place where the sittings of the House of Assembly are usually held, and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker; and that you present the person who shall be so

chosen, to his Excellency, in this House, on Monday next, at two o'clock, for his approbation.

And the Members being returned, Austin Cuvillier, Esquire, one of the Knights Representatives of the County of Huntingdon, stood up, and addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House, for their Speaker, Louis Joseph Papineau, Esquire, in which motion he was seconded by François Blanchet, Esquire, one of the Knights Representatives of the County of Hertford.

Then Louis Bourdages, Esquire, one of the Knights Representatives of the County of Buckinghamshire, stood up, and proposed for Speaker, Joseph Remi Vallières de St. Real, Esquire, seconded by John Simpson, Esq., one of the Knights Representatives of the County of York.

Debates arose, and the question being called for :

"That Louis Joseph Papineau, Esquire, be Speaker of this House."

The House divided, and the names of the Members being called for, they were taken as followeth :

YEAS.—Messieurs Bélanger, Valois, Courteau, Caron, Dessaulles,