

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

UPPER CANADA.

THURSDAY 28th DECEMBER, 1837.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Provincial Legislature, at eleven of the clock, A. M.

The House met.

House meets.

The oath prescribed by the Statute, 31 Geo. 3. Chap. 31. was taken and subscribed at the table, in the presence of Grant Powell, Esquire, one of the Commissioners named for that purpose, by the following Members, who took their Seats, viz.:

Oath prescribed by law administered to certain Members present.

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER.	<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> ALLAN,
<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> DICKSON,	“ “ GORDON,
“ “ CROOKSHANK,	“ “ McDONELL,
<i>The Hon. & Ven. The</i> ARCHDEACON OF YORK,	“ “ ELMSLEY,
<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> WELLS,	“ “ BALDWIN,
“ “ CAMERON,	“ “ JOHN KIRBY,
“ “ MARKLAND,	“ “ MACAULAY.
“ “ DUNN,	

Then the House formed.

House forms.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor being seated on the Throne, His Honor the Speaker of the Legislative Council commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to inform the Members of the Assembly, that it was His Excellency's pleasure that they do forthwith attend at the Bar of this House:

Lieutenant Governor comes to the House and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

Who being come thereto, the Speaker of this House said,

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

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to acquaint you, that in consequence of a peculiar exigency, the Honorable Allan MacNab, Speaker of the House of Assembly, is unavoidably absent on public duty, in defence of the Province, and that His Excellency will defer declaring the causes for which he has summoned this meeting of the Provincial Parliament, until another Speaker shall be chosen by the House of Assembly: it is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Assembly, do forthwith return to your Chamber, and do there choose a proper person to be your Speaker, to serve during the absence of Mr. MacNab, and that you do present him whom you shall have so chosen to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, at this place, immediately after your choice shall be made.

Causes for summoning the Parliament withheld until a Speaker of the Assembly be chosen, to serve during the absence of the Hon. Allan N. MacNab.

Whereupon the Members of the Assembly retired to their own Chamber, and having returned to the Bar of this House:

The Members of the Assembly retire to their Chamber.

They return to the Bar of this House.

MR. RUTTAN said:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Members of the House of Assembly, in obedience to your command, have proceeded to elect a Speaker; their choice has fallen upon me.

Mr. Ruttan informs His Excellency that the choice of the Assembly has fallen upon him.

Then the Speaker of this House said:

MR. RUTTAN;

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands me to declare to you, that in full assurance of your integrity, ability and zeal, he entirely approves of the choice which the Assembly has made, and does approve and allow you to be their Speaker.

His Excellency, through the Speaker of this House, confirms Mr. Ruttan in his office of Speaker of the Assembly.

Then the Speaker of the Assembly said:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

Having been pleased to approve of the choice which the Members of the House of Assembly have made of me to be their Speaker, your Excellency will receive my most grateful thanks.

Reply of the Speaker of the Assembly thereto.