

Mr. Speaker announced to the house that having, during the recess, received official information that the honorable William Young, member for the county of Inverness, had been appointed to, and had accepted, the office of attorney general; the honorable William A. Henry, member for the county of Sydney, had been appointed to, and had accepted, the office of solicitor general; the honorable James B. Uniacke, member for the county of Richmond, had been appointed to, and had accepted, the office of commissioner of crown lands; whereby their respective seats in this house had become vacant—and having also received from Lewis M. Wilkins, esquire, member for the township of Windsor, notice of his vacating his seat as such member—he the speaker had thereupon, pursuant to law, required that writs might be issued to supply such vacancies.

Vacancies reported in representation for counties of Inverness, Sydney and Richmond, and township of Windsor.

The honorable William Young, attorney general, returned duly elected a member for the county of Inverness; the honorable William A. Henry, solicitor general, returned duly elected a member for the county of Sydney; and the honorable Lewis Morris Wilkins, provincial secretary, returned duly elected member for the township of Windsor, severally took the oath of allegiance before the honorables Hugh Bell and Edward Kenny, commissioners authorized to administer the same, and took their seats as such members.

Members sworn in.

The house then proceeded to the choice of a clerk in the place of Joseph Whidden, esquire, deceased;

Choice of clerk

And thereupon—on motion of the hon. the attorney general,

*Resolved*, That Henry C. D. Twining, esquire, clerk assistant, be the clerk of this house; and he took the oath of office accordingly.

H. C. D. Twining chosen and sworn in.

Mr. Doyle, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the law of evidence—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Evidence amendment bill.

The house then proceeded to the choice of a clerk assistant; and thereupon, on motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Choice of clerk assistant.

*Resolved*, That Alexander James, esquire, be the clerk assistant of this house; and he took the oath of office accordingly.

A. James chosen and sworn in.

Mr. Doyle then proposed the following address, in answer to the speech of his excellency the lieutenant governor, and moved that the same do pass, viz. :

Address in answer to speech moved.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

*Knight, knight commander of the orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the third of Spain, lieutenant governor and commander-in-chief in and over her majesty's province of Nova Scotia and its dependencies, chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

1°. We, her majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the representatives of the people of Nova Scotia, thank your excellency for the speech with which your excellency has been pleased to open the present session of the legislature.

2°. To the important subject of the treaty, referred to in your excellency's speech, we will give our immediate and earnest attention.

3°. Your excellency very justly assumes that a regard for the public welfare will ever be a sufficient inducement to us cheerfully to submit to personal inconvenience, when legislative duties render it necessary.

4°. For the bounties of Providence manifested in our exemption from a fatal epidemic that has prevailed in other British North American colonies—in the blessings of contentment and peace vouchsafed to us—in a bountiful harvest—and in the general success which has attended the fisheries,—we concur with your excellency in the expression of a sentiment of gratitude to the Almighty.

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