

Barclay, added to the Experience he knew he possessed of Parliamentary business, were Inducements sufficient for him to relinquish any Pretensions to the Chair, and requested, that Mr. *Barclay* might be the object of their Choice, in Consequence of which, Mr. *Wallace* then proposed to the House, for their Speaker, the said *Thomas Barclay*, Esq; in which he was seconded by Mr. *Pyke*.

The House then calling *Thomas Barclay*, Esq; to the Chair, he stood up in his Place, and expressing the sense he had of the Honor proposed to be conferred on him, submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling *Thomas Barclay*, Esq; to the Chair, he was taken out of his Place by the said *Michael Wallace*, and *John George Pyke*, Esquires, and conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

A Message was delivered to his Excellency, by a Committee of the House, informing his Excellency, that the House had chosen a Speaker in Obedience to his Excellency's Commands.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, commanding the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker Elect, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council-Chamber, where Mr. Speaker Elect, was presented to his Excellency by Mr. *Pyke*, upon which the President of the Council, by His Excellency's Command, declared the Choice the House had made, was approved of by His Excellency.

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

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had been 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 spoken to the following Effect;

May it please your Excellency,

Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the Choice of the *House of Assembly*, in electing me their Speaker, merits my warmest Thanks, which I most humbly intreat you to accept. When I consider the important Office I am called on to fill, and how unequal my Abilities are to the Task, I experience the painful Sensations of Diffidence, and Fear. In your Benevolence, and Candour I however trust for a favourable Construction of my Conduct, and if at any time I may be found guilty of an Error in Judgement, that your Excellency will attribute it to human Frailty rather than Design. I am directed by the *House of Assembly*, to request of your Excellency, as the Privileges of this House, that the Members thereof during their Sessions, may be freed from all Molestation, that they may have Freedom of Speech in their Debates, that they may have the Power of punishing their own Members, and have free and favourable Access to your Excellency as His Majesty's immediate Representative, on all Occasions.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that his Excellency in reply said, He would grant to the *House of Assembly*, all the Rights and Privileges he was authorised to do, by Virtue of His Commission and Instructions from His Majesty.

After which Mr. Speaker said his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth, viz.

Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly,

IN a Constitution of Government, analogous to that of *Great-Britain*, there are Occasions, when it is peculiarly desirable, to have convened a new, and complete Representation of the People. In this view, I have particular Satisfaction in the present Opportunity of meeting you in *General-Assembly*, and of advising with you