

your decision, and trust that the author of all wisdom and goodness may guide your deliberations.

Clerk of house re-sworn.

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,
Resolved, That Joseph Whidden, esquire, clerk of the house of representatives in general assembly, be re-sworn in such office.

And he took the oath of office accordingly.

Imprisonment for debt bill.

Mr. Annand, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to abolish imprisonment for debt upon mesne process, in certain cases; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Ballot for clerk asst.

The house then proceeded to the choice of a clerk assistant.
And Alexander James, esquire, and Henry C. D. Twining, esquire, having been severally proposed to fill the office, the house proceeded to ballot therefor;
And Mr. Twining having a majority votes,

Mr. Twining chosen.

Resolved, That Henry C. D. Twining, esquire, be the clerk assistant of this house.

Ballot for serjeant-at-arms.

The house then proceeded to ballot for a serjeant-at-arms—Peter Spearwater and George R. Grassie, esquires, being severally proposed for that office; and thereupon, Mr. Grassie having a majority of votes,

Mr. Grassie chosen.

Resolved, That George R. Grassie, esquire, be the serjeant-at-arms of this house.

Ballot for asst. serjeant-at-arms.

The ballot was then taken for an assistant serjeant-at-arms—Mr. Philip Brown and Mr. Thomas Donivan being severally proposed for that office; and thereupon, Mr. Brown having a majority of votes,

Mr. Brown chosen.

Resolved, That Mr. Philip Brown be the assistant serjeant-at-arms of this house.

Dr. Twining appointed chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Brown,
Resolved, That the rev. Dr. Twining be the chaplain of this house.

Mr. Fitzgerald chosen messenger.

On motion of Mr. Henry,
Resolved, That Mr. John Fitzgerald be the messenger and door keeper of this house.

Address in answer to speech moved.

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

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JOHN HARVEY,

Knight commander of the most honorable military order of the bath, knight commander of the royal Hanoverian guelphic order, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief, in and over her majesty's province of Nova-Scotia and its dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, her majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the representatives of the people of Nova Scotia, thank your excellency for the confidence expressed in our readiness to aid your excellency in the calm review of a question of great magnitude and importance.

The mode by which railway communication with each other, and with the populous States beyond the frontier, may be best secured, deeply interests the inhabitants of British America.

When the correspondence which illustrates the state of the negotiations hitherto conducted, and the measures promised by your excellency, have been submitted, we shall endeavour to bring to their consideration, a spirit, that we trust, will warrant the hope expressed by your excellency, that the author of all wisdom and goodness may guide our deliberations.

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