JOURNALS

OF THE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

OF THE

PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

FREDERICTON,

TUESDAY, the 12th day of JANUARY, 1813.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY having been prorogued by several Proclamations until this day, then to meet for the despatch of business.

The House met, when a sufficient number of Members to proceed to business, not attending; the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of JANUARY, 1813.

The House having met pursuant to the adjournment of yesterday.

Xenophen Jouett, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, delivered the following Message.

His HONOR the PRESIDENT commands this Honorable House to attend him in the Council Chamber immediately.

Accordingly the House went up to attend His HONOR the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber, when the Honorable *Jonathan Bliss*, Esquire, Chief Justice, addressed the House as follows:

"*Gentlemen of the Council, and*

"*Gentlemen of the Assembly*,

"His HONOR the PRESIDENT has been pleased to command me to acquaint you, that having understood that the Office of Speaker of the House of Assembly has become vacant by the death of *Amos Botsford*, Esquire: His HONOR doth not think fit to declare the causes of summoning the General Assembly until there shall be a Speaker of the House of Assembly. It is therefore His HONOR's pleasure that you Gentlemen of the Assembly, do immediately repair to the place where the House of Assembly usually sit, and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker, and that you present, the person who shall be so chosen to His HONOR for his approbation to-morrow at 12 o'clock."

The House having then returned to their Chamber:

Peter Fraser, Esquire, Member for York, rose and addressing himself to the Clerk said, His HONOR the PRESIDENT having directed the Members to proceed immediately to the choice of a Speaker; I rise to address you as the Clerk, and to propose that *John Robinson*, Esquire, be Speaker of this House of Assembly; which motion being seconded by Captain *Agnew*;

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