

or either of them, full power and authority to perform the matters hereinbefore mentioned, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever the said Commissioners, or either of them, shall do in this behalf.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this
 Twenty-first day of January, in the Eleventh Year
 of Her Majesty's Reign, A. D., 1848.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. D. GEORGE.

The said three Commissioners came, between one and two of the clock in the afternoon, into the place where the Members of the House of Assembly usually sit—Commissioners attend and administer Oath
 John Whidden, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly, and Joseph Whidden, Esquire, Clerk Assistant, attending in the House—and the list of the names of the said Members returned, as before set forth, for the several Counties and Townships throughout the Province, having been called over by the Clerk, they all appeared and took the Oath of Allegiance in the presence of the said Commissioners attending.

After which a Message was delivered by John James Sawyer, Esquire, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod : Lt. Gov. commands attendance of House.

Gentlemen—

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where the President of the Legislative Council said :

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

House to choose Speaker

I have it in command from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that he will defer declaring the causes for which he hath convened the General Assembly, until the House of Assembly have elected a Speaker. It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure, that the House of Assembly do repair to the place where they usually sit, and there elect a Speaker, and present him here for His Excellency's approbation.

And the House having returned—

Joseph Howe, Esquire, (addressing himself to the Clerk, who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker William Young, Esquire, and moved "that William Young, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker ;" which motion was seconded by Samuel Creelman, Esquire. W. Young, Esq. proposed as Speaker

And thereupon, after a debate in relation thereto—the question was put by the Clerk, "that William Young, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker"— Debate thereon.

The House divided :

Division.

The Yeas on the right, 28.

The Noes on the left, 22.

Question carried.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. W. Young was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Huntington and Mr. Doyle.

Mr.