

22nd May, 1855.

FIRST SESSION, SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 18th & 19th VICTORIA.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen of the Assembly :

The President declares his Excellency's pleasure that the Assembly choose a Speaker.

I am commanded by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government to acquaint you, that His Excellency does not think fit to declare the causes for which he has summoned the Legislature, until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly ; it is, therefore, His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, do forthwith repair to your Chamber, and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker, and that you present the person whom you shall have so chosen, to His Excellency, in this House, for his approbation.

The Assembly retire.

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

The Assembly summoned to attend.

At half-past Two of the Clock, the Honorable the President commanded the Sergeant-at-Arms to acquaint the Assembly, that it is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend here immediately in this House, who being come—

Mr. LITTLE said,—

May it please Your Excellency :

Mr. Little presents Mr. Shea as Speaker.

The House of Assembly, in obedience to your Excellency's commands, have proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and I now have the honor to present to Your Excellency AMBROSE SHEA, Esquire, Member for the District of St. John's (West), whom they have chosen to fill that office.

The President of the Council then said,—

The Governor confirms Mr. Shea as Speaker.

Mr. Shea,—His Excellency the Administrator of the Government commands me to declare to you, that in full assurance of your ability, discretion and zeal, he entirely approves of the choice which the Assembly have made, and does confirm and allow you to be their Speaker.

Then the Speaker of the Assembly said,—

May it please Your Excellency :-

The Speaker entreats from his Excellency the privilege of his office,

Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the choice the House of Assembly have made of me to be their Speaker, it becomes my duty as such, in the name of the Representatives of Her