

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

As the House of Assembly is at present without a Speaker, owing to the illness of Ambrose Shea, Esq., I do not think fit to declare the cause for which I have summoned this General Assembly until there is a Speaker of this Assembly.

House commanded to choose a Speaker by His Excellency the Governor.

You will, therefore, gentlemen of the House of Assembly, retire and proceed to the choice of some proper person to act as your Speaker, and then present him for my approbation.

And the members being returned to the Assembly Room,

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY, addressing himself to the Clerk, (who standing up, pointed to him and then sat down), proposed to the House that Robert John Parsons, Esq., do take the Chair of this House as acting Speaker, during the illness of Ambrose Shea, Esq., in accordance with the terms of the Act 21 Vic., Cap. 21 ; which motion was seconded by Pierce M. Barron, Esq.

R. J. Parsons, Esq., proposed as Acting Speaker.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :

For the Motion, 14 :

Against the Motion, 11 :

Division.

Hon. Colonial Secretary
 " Receiver General
 " Surveyor General
 " Attorney General
 " E. D. Shea
 Mr. Barron
 " Casey
 " Nowlan
 " Furey
 " McGrath
 " English
 " Rogerson
 " Kavanagh
 " Dwyer

Captain Carter
 Mr. Hoyles
 " F. B. Carter
 " Leamon
 " March
 " Warren
 " Whiteway
 " Knight
 " Rendell
 " Walbank
 " Winter.

So it passed in the affirmative ; and,

Ordered,—That Robert John Parsons, Esq., do take the Chair as Acting Speaker of this House during the illness of Ambrose Shea, Esq., in accordance with the terms of the Act 21 Vic., Cap. 21.

R. J. Parsons, Esq., chosen Acting Speaker.