

And the House being returned,

Mr. Smith proposed to the House Samuel George William Archibald, Esq. Senior King's Counsel, and Member for the County of Halifax, to be their Speaker, and the choice of the House having unanimously fallen upon the said Samuel George William Archibald, Esq. he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred on him by the House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by Mr. Poole, and conducted to, and placed in, the Chair accordingly; and thereupon, Mr. Speaker Elect addressed the Members as follows:

GENTLEMEN,

I BEG to offer you my most sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, by unanimously placing me in the highest elective situation in the Province; and I assure you that it shall be my unceasing study to merit the confidence you have reposed in me, by a strict attention to the many duties of the important Office with which you have been pleased to invest me. I shall most anxiously guard the privileges of the House on all occasions; and I trust, by your assistance and support, those privileges will be at all times exercised consistent with the prerogatives of the Crown, and the rights of the other Branches of the Legislature.

After which, Mr. Speaker Elect, with the House, attended His Honor in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker Elect was presented to His Honor by Mr. Poole, Member for the Town of Yarmouth, who addressed His Honor as follows;

MR. PRESIDENT,

IN conformity to your Honor's direction, the House of Assembly have proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and have made choice of Samuel George William Archibald, Esq. Senior King's Counsel, and Member for the County of Halifax, and, in the name of the House, I have to request your Honor's approbation of their choice.

After which the President of His Majesty's Council, by command of His Honor, said—

His Honor the President approves of the Speaker which the House of Assembly have chosen.

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair:

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been in the Council Chamber, where His Honor the President had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and that he had spoken to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR,

THE customary privileges of the Commons of Nova-Scotia having been already confirmed to the Members of the House of Assembly, by His Excellency Sir James Kempt, in their first Session, on their behalf I have nothing to solicit.

For myself, I shall indulge the hope, that the same disposition which has induced you to approve of the choice which the House have made of me as their Speaker, will lead your Honor to put the most favorable construction upon my conduct in discharging the duties of this important Office.

Mr. Speaker also reported that the President of His Majesty's Council, by command of His Honor, in reply, said:

MR. SPEAKER,

I AM directed by His Honor the President to assure you, that he will recognize and respect the Constitutional Rights of the Assembly, and especially those you have particularly mentioned.

After which, Mr. Speaker said, His Honor was pleased to make a Speech, of which, Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows:

Mr.