

commands them immediately to present their Speaker before L. H. J. him in the Council Chamber. Whereupon the House repaired to the Council Chamber and presented Robert Ungle Esq^r for their Speaker to his Excy the Gov. where the said M^r Speaker decently and submissively addressing himself to his Excellency offered several Reasons disabling him from serving in that Station, and therefore made humble Suit to his Excellency to be discharged and that his Excy would be pleased to command the Delegates to make Choice of an abler Person.

Which Excuses his Excellency would no ways admit of, being well satisfied of the Skill and Knowledge of the said Robert Ungle in the publick Affairs of the Province and required him in the King's Name to accept of the Place.

After which M^r Speaker in the name of the whole House of Delegates humbly desired his Excellency on his Majesty's Behalf that the Delegates of this Assembly may have the Freedom of Speech as of Right and by Custom they have used and all their ancient and just Privileges and Liberties p. 487 allowed to them and that in any Thing he shall deliver in the Name of the Delegates if he shall commit any Error no Fault may be imputed to the Delegates but that he may resort to them again for Declaration of their true Intent and that his Error may be pardoned.

And lastly as often as Necessity for his Majesty's Service and the publick Good of this Province shall require it he may by the Direction of the House of Delegates have free Access to his Excellency. All which his Excellency was pleased to grant and confirm. And then his Excellency was pleased to make a favourable Speech. After which The Speaker with the Rest of the Delegates returned and the Speaker resumed the Chair

Thereupon the House make Choice of Thomas Macnemara for their Clerk and Ordered M^r Benjamin Tasker and M^r Thomas Holdsworth go and present him to his Excy the Gov. for his Approbation and to see him qualified by taking the usual Oaths. They return and say that his Excy approved of the Clerk chosen and that he is duly qualified.

Resolved That this House will sit to do Business during this Sessions from Eight O'Clock in the Morning till Eleven and from One in the Afternoon till five.

Ordered That his Excy's Speech be entered as follows Viz.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

Upon the earliest Notice I had of his Majesty's happy Accession to the Crown I have called you together to consult the Good of this Province and to compleat what was