

PREMIER WILLIAMS: May it please Your Honour: The House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker and have elected Harvey Hodder, Member for the District of Waterford Valley, to that office, and by that direction I present him for Your Honour's approval.

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR (Edward Roberts, Q.C.):

On behalf of Her Majesty, I assure you of my sense of your efficiency and I do most fully approve and confirm you as their Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Your Honour, having approved the choice of this House in constituting me as its Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name of the representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the people of this Province, to claim respectfully of Your Honour their accustomed rights and privileges, especially that they shall have freedom of speech in their debates, that they may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament, and that I, as Speaker, may have full access to Your Honour's presence at all reasonable times, and that they have confirmed to them all their ancient rights and privileges which have been confirmed them by Your Honour's predecessors.

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR: Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the tradition that goes back to the time of Queen Elizabeth I of England, I do confirm this House on behalf of Her Majesty in the enjoyment of all of its ancient and undoubted rights and privileges.