

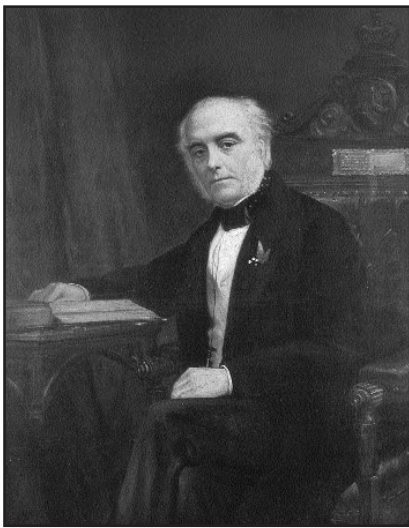
INTRODUCTION TO THE HOUSE OF KEYS

Throughout the presentation the fact that the Isle of Man is '*the ancient and absolute kingdom of Man*' and not part of the United Kingdom, rather a possession of the British Crown and not the U.K. government, is stressed.

The themes presented in the story are:

- the movement of the Island and Tynwald towards increasing independence and self-determination over the centuries.

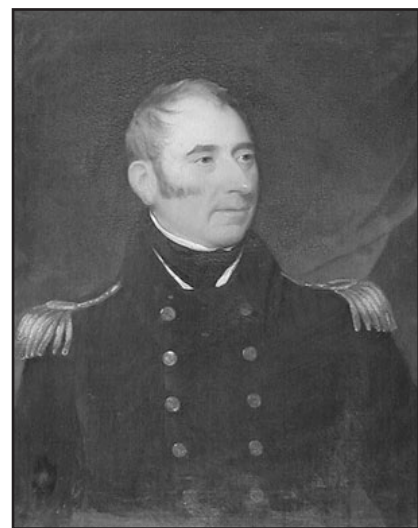
- the basis of Tynwald is the premise that people should know the law by which they are ruled and should be able to bring their grievances to the ruling body and obtain justice
- democracy - your vote- is crucial.



Edward Moore Gawne, M.H.K.



Colonel Cornelius Smelt



Captain John Quilliam, M.H.K.



A number of political figures are depicted in the Chamber, representing different interests in the House of Keys and the government of the Island.

The Speaker is **Edward Moore Gawne**, of Kentraugh, Rushen, a leading land owner. He was a Member of the House of Keys (M.H.K.) from 1829 and Speaker from 1854 when his uncle, John Moore of the Hills Estate, Douglas died, until his own resignation in 1867 over the issue of popular voting.

The Lieutenant Governor is present as a guest.

Colonel Cornelius Smelt held the position from 1805 until 1832, in spite of the fact that the last Governor-in-Chief until 1828, the fourth Duke of Atholl, son of the former Lord of Man, used all his influence at Westminster to try to secure this appointment for his younger brother. Smelt was generally helpful to the House of Keys during a period of difficult relations with the Governor-in-Chief.

Captain John Quilliam, M.H.K., selected in 1817, was originally from Ballakelly, Marown. The first record of his naval career came in the records of H.M.S. 'Lion' in 1791 as a supernumary until his enlistment in 1792. By

1803 Lieutenant Quilliam was appointed to the 'Victory' where he was to become famous as the man who 'steered' her at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 and earned his promotion to Captain. His status as a war hero and wealth from prize money enabled him to take his seat in the Keys.

George Quayle, M.H.K., of Bridge House, Castletown represents the newer merchant and banking interests, as the founder of the Isle of Man Bank, Castletown, whose objectives did not always correspond to those of the longer established land owning families.

- Introduction by the Speaker. A short introduction to, and history of, the House of Keys
- The Speaker introduces Colonel Cornelius Smelt, the Lieutenant Governor
- Comments by the Speaker about early 19th century Manx politics with interjections by portrait figures.
- Captain Quilliam Dialogue between the Speaker and Captain Quilliam



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