

JOURNAL
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
OF THE
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SESSION, 1861.

24 VICTORIÆ.

Begun and held at Halifax, on Thursday the thirty-first day of January, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland on earth the Supreme Head.

Thursday, 31st January, 1861.

The house having been, by several proclamations, prorogued to this day, then to meet for the despatch of business, and being met, House meet.

A message from his Excellency the Governor, by John James Sawyer, esquire, the gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Message from the Governor.

Mr. Speaker,—

His Excellency the Governor commands the immediate attendance of this honorable House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, the House went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, House attend.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, and that his Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read in the House, as follows :— Speaker reports Governor's speech.

Mr. President, and honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Governor's speech.

Mr. Speaker, and honorable Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

1^o. The year which has just closed will be ever honorably distinguished by the visit to this Continent of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. In no part of her Majesty's dominions was the reception of the heir apparent more tasteful and appropriate, or more loyal and enthusiastic, than in this Province ; and it affords me infinite pleasure to be able to assure you that his Royal Highness returned to England