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# JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

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OF

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

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WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1826.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been 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. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

**A**FTER an absence from the Government, by His Majesty's gracious permission, it affords me sincere pleasure to meet you again in General Assembly; and it adds not a little to the satisfaction which I feel to have it in my power to congratulate you upon the general prosperity of the Province, and the peaceful contentment and happiness of the People.

From the best information which I have been able to obtain, it would appear that every Branch of our Industry is in a thriving condition.—The Provincial Revenue is steadily increasing,—Public Crime is of rare occurrence,—The laws are mildly and impartially administered, and every man securely enjoys the fruits of his Industry under their protection.

Such being our happy state, Commercial Freedom was almost the only blessing which we did not enjoy;—it is therefore with unfeigned pleasure that I now congratulate you upon the removal of those Restrictions to which the Trade of His Majesty's Colonial Possessions has hitherto been subject. **THE**