

Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six.

His Excellency the late Peter Hunter, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, and His Honor Alexander Grant Esquire, President, did by their several proclamations as annexed prorogue the meeting of the Provincial Parliament until this day.

The House being met, prayers were read.

A Message by Mr. George Lawe, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

It is His Honor the President's pleasure that this Honorable House do immediately attend him in the Honorable Legislative Council Chamber.

The House went up accordingly, and being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Honor the President in the Legislative Council Chamber, where his Honor had been pleased to open the present Session by a most gracious Speech to both Houses, and that to prevent mistakes he had obtained for the information of the House a copy of His Honor's Speech, which was read as follows.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council

and

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

By the much lamented death of Lieutenant Governor Hunter the administration of the Government of this Province hath devolved on me. I most sincerely condole with you on that melancholy event. His faithful and meritorious services to the Public in this part of His Majesty's Dominions will be long felt and remembered. It shall be my endeavour to imitate and follow his example.

Since the last Session of this Legislature, Commissioners have been appointed for carrying into effect the provisions of an Act for affording relief to those persons who may be entitled to claim lands in this Province as Heirs or Devisees of the Nominees of the Crown. To such lands I make no doubt by the exertions and abilities of those Gentlemen to whom that important trust is delegated the Public will soon see the most important benefits from the operations of that Statutory Law.

I forbear on the present occasion to point out particular objects for your deliberations, being convinced that your knowledge of the respective situations of His Majesty's Subjects whom you here represent will be the surest guide to direct you in the enacting of such laws as may still be necessary for their security and comfort (as well as in the continuing of laws heretofore made but now about to expire) whose beneficial effects we have already felt and experienced.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I have ordered the Public Accounts to be laid before you, not doubting but that you will pay that attention in the examination of them which the nature, of the subject requires.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council

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It is with the highest satisfaction that I congratulate you on the great Naval Victory which lately hath crowned the success of His Majesty's Arms, though our joy is not unmingled, as we have deeply to regret the loss of one of the bravest and most able defenders of his King and of His Country.

May Great Britain, Our Parent State, ever have such men to fight her battles,