

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

UPPER CANADA.

Thursday, 17th November, 1831.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Provincial Legislature,—
At two o'clock P. M. the House met.

PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER.	<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> DUNN,
<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> BABY,	" " ALLAN,
" " POWELL,	<i>The Honorable</i> SIR WM. CAMPBELL,
<i>The Hon. & Ven. the</i> ARCHDEACON OF YORK,	<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> M'DONELL,
<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> WELLS,	" " BALDWIN,
" " CAMERON,	" " HAMILTON,
" " MARKLAND,	

Prayers were read.

At three o'clock P.M. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor being seated on the Throne, his Honor the Speaker of the Legislative Council commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to inform the Members of the Assembly that, it was His Excellency's pleasure that they do forthwith attend at the Bar of this House; who being come thereto, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

His Excellency comes to the House and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

Parliament convened.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

His Excellency retires.

Mr. Powell, one of the Commissioners for administering the oath to Members, informed their Honors that the Honorable Sir William Campbell had taken and subscribed the oath prescribed by the Constitution, as required by the third Rule of this House at the beginning of a Parliament.

Oath prescribed by the 31st. Geo. III. Chap. 31. administered to the Hon. Sir W. Campbell.

His Honor the Speaker informed the House that he was in possession of a copy of His Excellency's Speech, which he read, and it was again read, *pro forma*, by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

The Speaker delivers a copy of His Excellency's Speech. Same read.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

I meet you in Provincial Parliament before the expiration of the usual period of recess, as the opening of the Session at this season appears in every respect more convenient to the Province than in the early part of the year.

The Speech.

Several regulations respecting the Trade of the Colonies have been introduced into this Province since the close of the last Session; which His Majesty's Government is confident will promote the general prosperity of the Canadas, by encouraging a free Commercial intercourse on the Saint Lawrence, and increasing your Exportations.

An alteration in the Timber Duties was contemplated: it had in view, however, solely the repeal of certain fiscal regulations bearing unequally on the Trade of England; and you may be assured that should a change, or modification in the existing scale of Duties be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive development of their resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

I have ordered the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the current year to be laid before you; and also the Estimates for the supplies required for the ensuing year to be