

# JOURNAL

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### COUNCIL CHAMBER,

WEDNESDAY, February 5th, 1834.

In pursuance of the foregoing Proclamation, His Majesty's Council met.

#### PRESENT:

The Hon. *Chief Justice, Jarvis*, President;

The Honorables { *George Wright,*  
*Ambrose Lane,*  
*Charles Worrell,*  
*John Brecken,*  
*John S. Smith.*

**T**HE Honorables *John Brecken* and *J. S. Smith* having been appointed Councillors, took their seats at the Board accordingly.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the Council Chamber, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to desire the immediate attendance of the House of Assembly, in the Council Chamber:

The House of Assembly, with their Speaker, having attended accordingly—His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech, viz:—

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council;*

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

I have assembled you in your Legislative capacity at as early a period of the year as circumstances would admit of—and I rely with confidence that, in the execution of the important duties which devolve upon you, the furtherance of the Public Good, and the advancement of the Colony, will be assiduously sought by you.

Since I last met you in General Assembly, I have received a Despatch transmitting two Orders in Council signifying His Majesty's Assent to several Acts passed in the year 1829, and I shall avail myself of an early moment to lay copies of them before you.

Under the Act of the Legislature of the last Session, I caused a Census of the Island to be taken, a copy of which I have directed to be laid before you; and it will be satisfactory to you to observe the steady increase of population that has taken place of nearly one third since the year 1827.

In my visit during the Summer of such parts of the Country as I could conveniently do, I was gratified in noticing the progressive improvement and comfort that appeared to prevail—and I anticipate with pleasure, at a future day, to see the good that will result to our Peasantry from a sober, steady, and persevering industry.

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

The Accounts of the past year shall be laid before you with little delay.

I regret to observe that the Revenue has not been so productive the last year as the preceding one; its fluctuation must necessarily be looked for, and that circumstance will, no doubt, have its influence with you, in making your Appropriations for the service of the present year.

I think it necessary to inform you, that owing to some unavoidable and unforeseen cause, a larger amount of work has been performed on the new Wharf in Charlotte-Town than was contemplated in the estimates of last year.

I shall desire the Papers to be laid before you, and recommend you to vote such further sum as, under the circumstances, you may think the Contractors entitled to.