

Mr. Speaker also reported, that his Excellency, in reply, said, I most cheerfully grant your request.

After which Mr. Speaker said, his Excellency was 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 Representatives,*

I HAVE the greatest pleasure in commencing our public intercourse, with cordial congratulations upon the important and brilliant victories and conquests obtained by His Majesty's fleets and armies, over His Majesty's enemies in all instances where they could not escape from pursuit, or elude the contest. Every British subject will venerate the exalted names, whose glorious achievements have added splendour to the Throne of our august Sovereign, and resources of prosperity through all his dominions.

The blessings of health—reciprocal kindness, and prosperous result of industry, throughout the Province, are also among the happy subjects, demanding our humble thankfulness to the FOUNTAIN of all GOOD. The Legislature is assembled to maintain and promote this enviable situation; which can only be effected by temperate consideration and unanimity, wherein my co-operation may always be relied upon.

I shall direct the accounts of the public expenditure of the last year to be prepared for your examination, by the proper Officers;—and estimates of the various services which appear to me to be necessary for the ensuing year; and it is my duty to recommend them to be provided for by such supplies and grants, as, in your wisdom and liberality, may be most expedient.—This branch of your consideration will lead to useful information relative to the bounty lately granted by this Province, for the encouragement of the fisheries. It will be found, that, although great cost has been incurred, yet all the good purposes intended, have not been acquired—Some further arrangements may, therefore, be necessary herein.

Whatever may be further requisite on my part, shall be communicated in due time, to expedite the business of the Sessions; which is important to the welfare of the Province, and indicative of our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and, therefore, must be the first object of our duty and ambition.

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Ritchie, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

The House then proceeded to the choice of Officers.

James Boutineau Francklin, Esqr. was chosen Clerk.

Mr. Charles Stewart Powell, Serjeant at Arms, and

Mr. Israel Conkey, Messenger.

The Clerk, took the usual oaths.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Wells, Mr. Roach, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Irish, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Northup, Mr. Buskirk, Mr. Parker, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Pool, be a grand Committee of Justice.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee, to report what Laws are near expiring, and for preparing and bringing in a Bill for continuing the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Crane, Mr. Lawson, Mr. James, and Mr. Pearson, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk, do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Resolved*,