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MAJOR-GENERAL GEORGE TRACEY-SMYTH, PRESIDENT.

FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY, 1816.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY having been Prorogued by several Proclamations until this Day, then to meet for the dispatch of Business. The House met.

Xenophon Jouett, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, delivered the following Message :---

HIS HONOR the PRESIDENT commands this Honorable House to attend him in the Council Chamber immediately ; accordingly the House went up to attend His HONOR the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber ; and having returned

Read a first time, " a Bill to ascertain Rateable Estates in this Province and " for other purposes therein mentioned."

The *Speaker* then reported that the House had attended His HONOR the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber, and that he was pleased to make the following SPEECH to both Houses ; a copy of which he read in his place, and is as follows :--

" *Gentlemen of the Council; and*

" *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

" THE most important objects that I have to recommend to your deliberation
" (after what concerns the Revenue, and the ordinary exigencies of the Pro-
" vince) are the renewal of the Militia Law,--the permanent establishment of
" Schools in the several Counties, for the Instruction of Youth,--the opening and
" amending of the Roads,--and the improvement of the navigation of our principal
" Rivers.

" I shall not dwell upon the evident importance of the establishment of such a
" Militia Law as will enable the Loyalty of the Province to be brought forward
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