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FREDERICTON, TUESDAY, 5th JULY, 1808.

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

A MESSAGE was delivered from His HONOR the PRESIDENT requiring the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber. The House attended accordingly and being returned, Read a first time, "A Bill for the better encouragement of Agriculture and Fishery." The *Speaker* then reported that the House had attended His HONOR the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber, when His HONOR was pleased to make the following SPEECH to both Houses, and that to prevent mistakes he had procured a copy of the same, which he read in his place, and is as follows, to wit:

" *Gentlemen of the Council,*

" *and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

" His MAJESTY having thought fit to direct the most active measures to be taken for strengthening the defences of the British possessions in North America, and having been graciously pleased at the same time to express his reliance upon the Legislatures of the respective Provinces for making every exertion consistent with their internal resources, with a view to the General Defence; it became my duty on being appointed to the Administration of this Government, to give you without delay an opportunity in General Assembly, to fulfil His MAJESTY's just expectations, on this momentous occasion, by such legal Provisions, as our situation may require, and by making such amendments as may be necessary in the present Law for regulating the Militia of this Province.

" These are the principal objects that I have at present to recommend to your consideration, such further particulars as I may have to suggest shall be communicated by Message.

" *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

" I have ordered the Treasurer's Accounts, and such other documents as he may be able to furnish for your information to be laid before you, of such expences as it may now be necessary to provide for, in addition to
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