

Report of the
Speaker.

The Speaker then reported that the House had attended HIS EXCELLENCY the *Lieutenant Governor* in the Council Chamber, where HIS EXCELLENCY was pleased to make a speech to both Houses; of which, to prevent mistakes, he had procured a copy—and which he read to the House as follows, to-wit:

HIS Excellency's
speech to both
Houses.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*

“ *And Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

THE principal objects that I have, at this time, to recommend to your consideration, are the ordinary services of the last and the current year, together with such particulars as were recommended during the last Session, and at the close of it referred to the present meeting. And, as you are unanimous in sentiments of loyalty to HIS MAJESTY, and of zeal for the public welfare, I cannot but hope that the business now before you, will be dispatched with that spirit of harmony and mutual respect, without which, however well intended, your deliberations may often be unproductive of PUBLIC BENEFIT.

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ I have given orders for the Treasurer's accounts, and such other papers as may be necessary for your information, to be laid before you.

“ If it should not be found conveniently practicable at present to make a permanent provision of suitable Salaries for such Public Officers as have heretofore been paid only by occasional grants—I must earnestly recommend it to you, at least to make those grants to anticipate the year for which they are provided; that persons who give up their time and labour to the public service, and who by their appointments are made responsible for their conduct in office, may not, again be exposed to such delay as, in a great measure, amounts to a denial of justice, in the withholding of their reward on account of any accidental difference of opinion that may arise between the different Branches of the Legislature.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*

“ *And Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ I cannot but suppose the sole end of all your deliberations to be *the public good*. Of the means for attaining this great end it may not, in every instance, be possible to avoid some variance of opinion; and therefore, as you are bound to act con-

“ *formably*