

At Twelve o'Clock, His Excellency Major General Sir Archibald Campbell, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province, came to the Council Chamber, and by Message, commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly.

The House of Assembly attended accordingly, and His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by a Speech to both Houses.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, and the Honorable Mr. Cunard enter.

The Honorable the President informed the House that he was in possession of a Copy of His Excellency's Speech, which he read, and is as follows :—

“ Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

“ IN again meeting you in General Assembly, I have to congratulate you on the happy and prosperous condition of the Province, which leaves me little to submit to your deliberation beyond the renewal of the Revenue Law, and the provisions for the ordinary services, and also to recommend to your liberal consideration such measures as the public spirit and enterprize now so fully manifesting itself amongst us may require, divested, as I feel confident they will be, of every other feeling than a due regard to the general interests of the Province.

“ There are, however, two other subjects to which I have before adverted, but which appear to me to be of such great importance, that I feel it my duty, again to call your attention to them. The mode in which the Statute Labour on the Public Roads has been hitherto applied has been found to be altogether inefficient for the purpose intended, and the necessity of an improved system in this important particular is very apparent.

“ The Bounty so liberally granted by the Legislature for the endowment of Parish Schools, is frequently rendered ineffectual from the want of proper qualification and ability in the Teachers, and, I regret to say, has in too many instances been abused by their immoral conduct. These evils arise from the want of some proper established mode of examination of Applicants for Licenses, both as to their moral character, and to their fitness, in other respects, for the office of Instructors ; and I therefore recommend these subjects to your deliberate consideration.

“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

“ I have directed the Treasurer's Accounts to be laid before you, which will shew a most gratifying increase of Revenue as compared with the preceding year, and will enable you to continue the accustomed aid and support to all those institutions and objects of public utility, which have hitherto been fostered and maintained by the liberality of the Legislature.

“ Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

“ His Majesty having been pleased to confirm the Act to provide for the Custom House