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## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

TUESDAY, 3d December, 1839.

The House met.

At two of the clock, P. M., Frederick Starr Jarvis, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, came to the Bar of the House and delivered the commands of His Excellency the Governor General, for the immediate attendance of the House at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and withdrew.

House summoned by Black Rod to attend at Bar of Leg. Council.

The Speaker, Officers, and Members present, proceeded, without delay, to the Legislative Council Chamber, and, being returned,

House returns.

Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to open the Session with a most gracious Speech from the Throne, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had procured a copy, and which, with the permission of the House, he would now read.

Mr. Speaker reports Speech of His Excellency the Governor General at opening of Session.

The Speech was then read as follows:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; and,  
Gentlemen of the House Assembly :*

In discharge of the duties of GOVERNOR-GENERAL of British North America, confided to me by our Gracious SOVEREIGN, I have deemed it advisable to take the earliest opportunity of visiting this Province, and of assembling Parliament.

Speech.

I am commanded by the QUEEN to assure you of Her Majesty's fixed determination to maintain the connexion now subsisting between Her North American Possessions and the United Kingdom, and to exercise the high authority with which She has been invested, by the favor of Divine Providence, for the promotion of their happiness, and the security of Her Dominions.

It is with great satisfaction I can inform you, that I have no grounds for apprehending a recurrence of those aggressions upon our frontier, which we had lately to deplore, and which affixed an indelible disgrace on their authors.

If, however, unforeseen circumstances should again call for exertion, I know from the past, that in the zeal and loyalty of the People of Upper Canada, and in the protection of the Parent State, we possess ample means of defence, and to those I should confidently appeal.

I earnestly hope, that this state of tranquillity will prove favorable to the consideration of the important matters, to which your attention must be called during the present Session.

It will be my duty to bring under your consideration, at the earliest possible moment, the subject of the Legislative Re-union of this Province with Lower Canada—recommended by Her Majesty to the Imperial Parliament. I shall do so in the full confidence, that you will see, in the measure which I shall have to submit, a fresh proof of the deep interest felt by the Queen, in the welfare of Her Subjects in Upper Canada; and that it will receive from you that calm and deliberate consideration, which its importance demands.

The condition of the Public Departments in the Province, will require your best attention. In compliance with the Address of the House of Assembly of last Session, the Lieutenant Governor