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**His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B. and K. C. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.**

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**Fredericton, Tuesday, 10th September, 1839.**

**T**HE House having been by several Proclamations prorogued until this day, then to meet for the despatch of business; and being met—

A Message was sent from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Beverly R. Jouett, Esquire, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

The House attended, and being returned—

Mr. Partelow, by leave, presented a Petition from James T. Hanford, of the City of Saint John, Merchant, praying drawback on sixty six tierces of Sugar consumed at the great Fire at that place, on the 17th August last; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received; and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Speaker then reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy; which he read to the House, and is as followeth:—

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

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

**“ H**AVING called you together for a special purpose, at a season of the year when the absence from your homes, of some among you, may be attended with inconvenience, I will not unnecessarily prolong that absence by directing your attention at present to any other than the immediate objects for which I have deemed it my duty to convene you. These objects are to invite you to take into your consideration, as well the measure and the conditions of the relief which you may deem it expedient to extend to such of the sufferers from the effects of the late calamitous Fire, by which the City of Saint John has again been visited, as may require such assistance, as the still more important subject of devising and passing Legislative enactments, making more effectual provision for the future prevention or prompt extinction of Fires, (and the protection of property upon such occasions,) and thereby restoring confidence to the inhabitants, and upholding the commercial credit of that wealthy and enterprising City. You will, I doubt not, approach the consideration of the details of these important matters with an entire conviction of the intimate, the indissoluble connexion of the interests of its great Commercial Emporium with those of the Province at large.

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