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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.

Fredericton. Wednesday, 20th January, 1841.

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

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by 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. Street moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to enable Members of this House to vacate their seats in certain cases.

Leave granted.

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,

“ IN addressing you under the circumstances in which we now meet, it appears to me that it will equally consist with my duty as the Queen's Representative and with your wishes as the Representatives of the Loyal Population of New Brunswick, that I should give a due prominence to that topic in which we must at all times feel the deepest interest, but especially at the present moment—I allude to the health of a Sovereign, who, possessing the strongest claims upon our duty and affection on Her own account, has acquired an increased title to our love, in the fulfillment, under the blessing of Divine Providence, of the hopes which the Nation had so ardently cherished:—A Princess has been given to us—the Heir to her Royal Mother's virtues, and to a Throne based upon the imperishable love of Her People.

“ Upon this joyful event, and upon Her Majesty's restored health, I offer you my heartfelt congratulations; and I do not doubt your responding to them in a manner alike honorable to yourselves and accordant with the well known sentiments by which the Legislature and People of New Brunswick have ever been distinguished.

“ The actual condition of the Province next claims our attention,—and upon this subject I am happy to say, that although some degree of commercial embarrassment has occurred, yet its causes appear to me to be so thoroughly understood, that more than half the evil may be considered as remedied by that circumstance; and to the practical good sense of those whose individual interests are concerned (in all cases the best resource), may be safely committed its entire removal.

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