

SATURDAY, the 16th day of MARCH, 1816.

PRAYERS.

Message from His HONOR the PRESIDENT, by *Xenophon Jouett*, Esq. Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. *Speaker*,

His HONOR the PRESIDENT commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber; accordingly Mr. *Speaker* with the House, went up to attend His HONOR the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber; where the *Speaker* addressed His HONOR the PRESIDENT to the effect following, to wit:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR,

The House of Assembly anxious that this their last Session should be distinguished by important services to the Province, have provided for all the objects recommended by your HONOR. They have passed a permanent Militia Bill; a Bill for the establishment of Schools in every Parish, and several other Bills for the encouragement of Literature. They have granted unusually large Supplies for the improvement of Roads, and have made such regulations for the expenditure thereof, as they trust will render them effectual. Liberal Supplies have also been granted for other services, and the House have provided for punctual payments at the Treasury, by continuing all the Revenue Laws now in force.

The Bills for these purposes they now tender for your HONOR's acceptance, praying your assent thereto; and the House have the fullest confidence that your HONOR's judicious management will render these Grants beneficial to the Province.

Then Mr. *Speaker* delivered the following Bills as engrossed upon Parchment, to the Clerk of the Council, viz.

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.

A Bill to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province, and improving the Navigation of the River St. John and its Branches.

A Bill to continue and amend the several Acts now in force, for raising a Revenue in this Province.

His HONOR the PRESIDENT was then pleased to give his assent to the several Public and private Bills following, viz.

An Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province.

An Act further to continue an Act, entitled "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

An Act further to continue An Act, entitled "An Act to provide for the more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John."

An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province.

An Act to erect into a separate Parish all the Lands in Queen's County, in the rear of the Parishes of Wickham and Waterborough.

An Act to enable the Minister and Elders for the time being of the Church in communion with the Kirk of Scotland, lately erected in the City of St. John, to hold the same to them and their successors forever, and for other purposes in the same mentioned.

After which His HONOR was pleased to make the following Speech to the Council and Assembly :---

Gentlemen