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THIRD SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO DECIMO NONO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

His Excellency The Honorable John Henry Thomas Manners Sutton,  
Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief.

At Fredericton in the Province of New Brunswick.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, Thursday, February 14, 1856.

**T**HE General Assembly having been by six several Proclamations prorogued to  
this day, the House met—

PRESENT :

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Saunders,  
Mr. Hazen,  
Mr. Odell,  
Mr. Steves.

Mr. Minchin,  
Mr. Harrison,  
Mr. Wark,

PRAYERS.

At two o'clock His Excellency The Honorable John Henry Thomas Manners Sutton, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province, came to the Council Chamber, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Honorable the President, to let the Assembly know—"It is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come,

His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by the following Speech to both Houses :—

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

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

**"YOU** will join with me in the expression of gratitude to the Almighty for the many blessings which have been bestowed on the People of this Province during the past year.

" The Agricultural Crops of the season have been generally abundant ; the Fisheries have been successful ; and, although our Trade has exhibited in some degree that depression