

James Campbell, Robert Pagan, and Peter Clinch, Esquires, Members sworn in.
for the County of Charlotte.

William Hubbard, and Richard Vandeburgh, Esquires, for the County of Sunbury took the oaths, and their seats accordingly.

His Excellency the Governor sent a message to the House, requiring their attendance in the Council Chamber. Message from his Excellency.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House attended his Excellency, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses. The House attend his Excellency.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*

“ *And Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ **A** MEETING of the several branches of the legislature, for the first time in this new province, is an event of so great importance, and must prove so conducive to its stability and prosperity, that I feel the highest satisfaction at seeing his Majesty’s endeavours, to procure the inhabitants every protection of a free government, in so fair a way of being finally successful. His Excellency’s Speech to the Council and Assembly.

“ The preceeding winter was necessarily spent in guarding the people against those numerous wants incident to their peculiar situation, and the summer has been employed as well in the prosecution of this essential business, as in dividing the province and establishing the several Offices and Courts of Justice requisite for the security of the farmer while engaged in raising a support for his family : And now that the season of the year renders travelling commodious and allows you leisure to attend the public business without interruption to your private affairs, I have called you together in compliance with the royal instructions, that you may put a finishing hand to the arduous task of organizing the province, by re-enacting such of the *Nova-Scotia* laws as are applicable to our situation, and passing such bills as you shall judge best calculated to maintain our rapid advance towards a compleat establishment in this country.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*

“ That branch of the laws of the old province which relates to crimes and misdemeanors I would recommend to your first consideration ; they are for the most part, if not altogether, extracted from the statute law of England, and will become our best security for the quiet and permanent enjoyment of private liberty and property. As it may in some instances perhaps admit of a doubt what part of those laws extend to this province, and which are lost by the erecting of the distinct administration it will be most eligible, by renewing them, to leave To the Council.