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**FIFTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

ANNO DECIMO SEPTIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

**His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor  
and Commander in Chief.**

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**At Fredericton in the Province of New Brunswick.**

*LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, Thursday, 9th February, 1854.*

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

PRESENT:

THE HON.

*Mr. Black, President.*

*Mr. Saunders,  
Mr. Chandler,  
Mr. Solicitor General,  
Mr. Hazen,*

*Mr. Botsford,  
Mr. Hatch,  
Mr. Minchin,  
Mr. Odell.*

**PRAYERS.**

At two o'clock, His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, 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,*

**“IT** has pleased a Gracious Providence to continue since we last met the prosperity of New Brunswick.

“Our Agriculturists have upon the whole no reason to complain; the price of our Staple export has been maintained; the demand for our Ships is augmented, and their reputation