

Person and Government, and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings; and that he doth readily and willingly grant and allow to them all their privileges, in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time heretofore been granted and allowed."

Then His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to open the Session by a Speech to both Houses.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Prayers were read.

The Honorable the President informed the House, that he was in possession of a copy of His Excellency's Speech, which he read and is as follows:—

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

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

“THE Act of the last Session for increasing the Representation of three of the Counties in the Province, one of which was without any distinct Representative, having received the Royal Assent, I thought it right to put the Law into immediate effect; and in meeting you at this time in General Assembly, it affords me much satisfaction that I can congratulate you on the propitious circumstances, in which, compared with many past years, this Province is placed.

“It has pleased Providence to reward the industry of the agricultural part of the community with an abundant harvest.

“Our Commercial interests and prospects stand high, notwithstanding all the difficulties with which public credit has been assailed in Countries exercising a direct influence on the Commercial welfare of our own, and I am therefore justified in assuming that this fact, so advantageous to the public at large, is not less honorable to the judgment and integrity of those engaged in this great branch of Provincial prosperity, than a gratifying proof of its being conducted upon sound and enlightened principles.

“From this favorable state of things, useful Institutions have been extended, which, it is hoped, will in their progress prove highly beneficial to the rising spirit of enterprise which evinces itself among all classes. I however regret that, in this prosperous condition, I cannot include our Coast Fisheries, in which there is no material improvement, but which, if rightly managed, would prove an inexhaustible source of wealth.

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

“I shall direct the Treasurer's Accounts to be laid immediately before you, and I am happy to say, that you will find them to exhibit, upon the whole, a satisfactory statement of our Finances, affording safe grounds for anticipating that, at no very distant period, you may be enabled, by judicious management and wholesome economy, to make such provision as will ensure prompt payment at the Treasury, and thus render your appropriations most available for the purposes intended.

*"Mr.*

THOMAS