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## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

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**TUESDAY, January 26, 1841.**

**T**HE House having, by several Proclamations, been prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business :

And being met—

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by John Cambridge Wright, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod :

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber—and being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House did attend His Excellency this day in the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

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

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

In meeting you, assembled in your Legislative capacity, I have the highest satisfaction in being enabled to congratulate you, and Her Majesty's loyal subjects in this Island, on the Birth of an Heiress Presumptive to the Throne. This auspicious event, both in its immediate and prospective advantages, is so fraught with importance to the best and dearest interests of every British subject, that I am convinced

it will call forth your warmest sentiments of devotion and loyalty towards our most gracious Sovereign, and of attachment towards Her Majesty's Royal Consort.

I avail myself of this opportunity, to remind you that the School Act will expire with the present Session. The advantages of a good education must be obvious to every reflecting mind ; for it is a well established fact, that wherever the means of education are most widely diffused, and made accessible to all classes, the community is invariably found to be the most industrious, thriving, orderly and obedient to the laws. The provision hitherto made by the Legislature of this Island has been so liberal and praiseworthy, that I cannot entertain a doubt that you will see the propriety of still encouraging this great object, by the renewal of the present Act, or, if practicable, by some more efficient measure.

The interests of Agriculture are so intimately and inseparably connected with the future destinies of this Colony, and the welfare of the great majority of its inhabitants, whose labours Divine Providence has again been pleased to bless with a most abundant harvest, that I deem it my duty to point out the great benefit which may be derived from aiding the development of the resources of the soil by such Legislative assistance as it may be in your power to afford. I am gratified in being enabled to inform you, that notwithstanding the unprecedented increase of the Revenue which I had the pleasure of announcing to you at the commencement of last Session—an increase of nearly one-half upon the receipts of any former year—the Revenue for the past year exhibits an almost equally flattering prospect.

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

I shall direct the Public Accounts, together with the Estimates for the current year, to be laid before you, in the confidence that you will vote such supplies as will enable me to carry on the Government.

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

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

I regret that the Bill for erecting a Lunatic Asylum has