

facilities. The intercourse arising from the completion of such a work, and the vast impulse it would give to the settlement of the Province, and the development of its resources, entitle it to all the encouragement you may be prepared to afford to the undertaking.

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

“ As the Revenue of the last year has considerably exceeded an average amount, giving proof of the growing prosperity of the Province, I hope that it will be found practicable to effect such a reduction of the Import Duties as will tend further to extend its Commerce, and lead to the liberation of the intercolonial Trade in particular from the injurious restrictions imposed on it.

“ The Provincial Accounts made up for the past year, and duly audited, will be laid before you, with the estimates for the current year.

“ Some Reports which I have obtained from the Supervisors and Commissioners of Roads will be communicated to you, and will suggest the advantage of acquiring accurate information as a guide in making appropriations for such works.

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

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

“ The Commissioners appointed to carry into effect the Fourth Article of the Treaty of Washington, and who have prosecuted their labours with great assiduity, have made several Reports to me for the information of Her Majesty's Government, Copies of which will be laid before you.

“ I regret that it has not been found practicable to effect a satisfactory arrangement with the Government of Canada, for defining the Boundary between the two Provinces. The negotiation having been finally closed by the Governor General, after a protracted correspondence, the question has been again referred to Her Majesty's Government, by whom the claims of New Brunswick will, I doubt not, be duly considered. Meanwhile, the jurisdiction of this Province, which has been heretofore exercised over the Territory in dispute, has continued to be maintained.

“ In the present aspect of affairs, and from the many and urgent claims upon your attention, I rely on your application to the business of the Session with that cordial unanimity which will evince at once your public spirit, and your regard for the welfare of a people so distinguished for loyalty to their Sovereign and attachment to the Institutions of their Country, and who, I earnestly hope, under Providence, may be secured in the peaceful possession of the blessings, which as British subjects they have so long cherished and so justly appreciated.”

Which being ended,

The House of Assembly withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

His Honor the President reported His Excellency's Speech.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session.

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