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*(A Message from His Excellency the Governor.)*

At two o'clock, a Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by F. W. RENNIE, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attendance of Mr. SPEAKER and the House in the Council Chamber.

Message commanding attendance of House.

Accordingly, Mr. SPEAKER and the House attended His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned,

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Mr. SPEAKER informed the House, that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Branches of the Legislature, of which Mr. Speaker said, for the sake of accuracy, he had obtained a copy, and which he read to the House as follows :

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency the Governor's Speech.

*Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :*

Speech.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

I have much pleasure in meeting you at this season of comparative leisure, when there will be ample time afforded you for the exercise of your important legislative functions in the promotion of the public welfare.

Before, however, calling your attention to matters of local interest, it becomes my painful duty to allude to the recent melancholy demise of His late Royal Highness the Prince Consort, and to invite you to join with me in an expression of respectful, but deep, sympathy with our beloved Queen and the Royal family, under the heavy affliction with which it has pleased the Almighty to visit them and the nation at large, by the death of a Prince whose eminent virtues had justly endeared him to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, and whose scientific knowledge, and varied accomplishments were always actively employed in the furtherance of every scheme tending to the social improvement of the people amongst whom he occupied so exalted a position.

In consequence of no Return having been made for Harbor Grace at the General election in May, a Writ was necessarily issued for the return of two members to represent that District, and the election took place in November last. I am sure you must have been as much gra-