

HER MAJESTY'S COUNCIL.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

SIXTH SESSION, SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
4th VICTORIA.

Saturday, 2nd January, 1841.

This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Colonial Legislature—

The House met at half-past One o'Clock.

Present,

The Honorable WILLIAM SALL, K. H., Commandant.

“ “ JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney-General.*

“ “ JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary.*

“ “ JAMES MORTON SPEARMAN, *Collector of Customs.*

“ “ JOHN DUNSCOMB.

“ “ WILLIAM THOMAS.

“ “ PATRICK MORRIS.

At Two o'Clock, His Excellency the Governor having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Honorable the President desired the Acting Usher of the Black Rod to go to the Commons House of Assembly and inform the Members that it was His Excellency's pleasure that they do forthwith attend at the Bar of this House, and they being come thereto His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

His Excellency the Governor opens the Session.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable the President then announced that he had received a communication from the Colonial Secretary, stating that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to make the following appointments—

Appointments by the Governor of—

Viz:—

Mr. Joseph Templeman, to be Acting Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council, *vice* Ayre, absent on leave,

Acting Clerk of the Council ;

and

and

Mr. Gerard Robinson to be Acting Usher of the Black Rod *vice* Templeman.

Acting Usher of the Black Rod.

A copy of His Excellency's Speech having been left with the House, it was read, and is as follows:—

His Excellency's Speech.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council :

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

Two events, of the greatest consequence to us, as Loyal Subjects, have occurred since our last meeting. The first, the escape of Her Most Gracious Majesty from the furious assault of a wretched maniac—the second, the auspicious birth of the Princess Royal.

These incidents, though dissimilar in their character, are both calculated to excite deep feelings of joy and gratitude.