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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. NEWFOUNDLAND.

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SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, *Knight, Governor.*

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*Tuesday, 1st January, 1833.*

**Present,**

*His Honor* RICHARD ALEXANDER TUCKER, Esquire, *President.*

*The Honorable* COLONEL SALL, *Commandant.*

” ” JAMES SIMMS, Esquire, *Attorney General.*

” ” JAMES CROWDY, Esquire, *Colonial Secretary.*

” ” ARTHUR HOLDSWORTH BROOKING, Esquire, *Collector of His Majesty's Customs.*

” ” WILLIAM HALY, Esquire.

First Session of the Legislative Council.

The Governor arrived at the Council Room at 2 o'clock, and having directed the attendance of the Members of the House of Assembly, proceeded to open the Colonial Parliament with the following Speech :

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

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

The First General Assembly is now in full operation in the Island of Newfoundland, and I beg to offer you my sincere congratulations on so important an event, with my prayer that its establishment may be attended by every blessing a virtuous and free people can hope for or desire. If anticipations of the future may be drawn from the conduct of the people of Newfoundland in the first exercise of the right conferred upon them, there is every reason to trust that my wishes will not be disappointed.

The harmony, order and good will that have been maintained in the course of the Elections are deserving of great praise; and I should not do justice to my feelings, or to the Inhabitants of Saint John's, were I not to make it known that although a very keen contest was carried on in this Town for eight days, in which nearly three thousand Inhabitants had a right to vote, yet not one single Police Report resulted from it; an example which could be profitably followed by many older Governments; and I am persuaded it will be your anxious endeavour to persevere in that course which has so happily begun.

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

The Geographical division of the Island, made by His Majesty's Proclamation of the 26th July, has had the effect of excluding the Inhabitants of certain places from any participation in the rights enjoyed by their fellow-countrymen. This defect in those instructions can with most propriety be remedied by the Legislature; and I am to signify to you His Majesty's wish, that such provision may be made by Law, as will embrace every part of the Colony within some one of the Electoral Districts into which the Island has been divided.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

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

In a Colony that has been so long without any efficient Laws to govern it, or any adequate mode of meeting, by corresponding legal enactments, the varying change of circumstances

Governor's Speech on opening the First Session of the Colonial Parliament.