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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Of the Province of Nova-Scotia, Thursday, 3d December, 1807.

A MESSAGE from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Gautier, Deputy Secretary :

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency commands this House to attend his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, immediately, in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended in the Council Chamber, where the President of his Majesty's Council (being commissioned by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for that purpose) read a Speech from his Excellency to the two Houses, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy, as also a Copy of his Excellency's Commission to the President, which he read, as follows :

Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council, and

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I AM extremely sorry, that a very severe domestic affliction, deprives me of the pleasure of meeting you, in person, at the opening of this Session of the General Assembly.

Differences having, unfortunately, arisen between His Majesty's Government and that of the United States of America, threatening an interruption to the peace and amity subsisting between them ;—I deemed it necessary for His Majesty's service, and being requested thereto, by the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces here, as a measure of precaution, and to assist the Garrison in repairing and strengthening the fortifications in this place, to order a proportion of the Militia to be called into actual service ; and I have the greatest reason to be satisfied with the zeal and alacrity with which the order has been obeyed.—As it may be requisite to continue them in service should war be declared, or until an accommodation of the differences shall take place, I recommend to the Assembly to grant a sum of money sufficient to enable me to provide the men on duty, with such warm clothing, as may be proper to render them comfortable during the severity of the winter : and to be expended wholly or in part, as circumstances may require.

The accounts of the receipt and expenditure of the Public Revenue, which I shall direct to be immediately laid before you, will detail a full statement of the resources and expences of this Government for the past year ; and, I rely on the disposition of the Assembly, to provide such further aids and supplies for the ensuing year, as the exigencies of the Government, and His Majesty's Service may render necessary,

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