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Major-General GEORGE TRACEY SMYTH, Lieutenant-Governor.

FREDERICTON,

WEDNESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1823.

THE General Assembly having been by several Proclamations prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business---

The House met---

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by *Xenophon Jouett*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of this House in the Council Chamber.

The House attended accordingly---

When His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by a Speech to both Houses: Of which Mr. *Speaker* had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Council,

"And Gentlemen of the Assembly,

"I congratulate you upon the continuance of the general tranquillity which has for some years past prevailed in Europe, more particularly as it has afforded an opportunity for the arrangement of the Finances and other objects of domestic economy of the United Kingdom, and has further enabled His Majesty to turn his paternal attention to his North American subjects, for the promotion of whose prosperity he has recently been graciously pleased to enlarge their commercial relations with Foreign Countries; thereby affording them a more extended market for the vent of their respective commodities. Such enlarged policy will, doubtless, induce a reciprocal liberality on the part of the Government of those Countries, in their commercial intercourse with us,