

The Honorable Mr. Speaker then further reported that, when in attendance upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in the Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy; which he read to the House, and is as follows:—

"Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

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

"IT is with great satisfaction that I now for the first time meet you.

"Our common feelings of loyal devotion to Her Majesty's Person and Rule, and the sincere desire which we alike entertain to promote the welfare of the People of this part of Her Majesty's Dominions, are sure guarantees for the maintenance of that harmony between us, which is essential to the public interest.

"I have deemed it necessary to summon you for the dispatch of business at an unusual period of the year; but I am confident that in the performance of public duties you do not regard personal convenience.

"I commend to your consideration the Treaty which has recently been concluded between Her Majesty and the Government of the United States of America.

"A copy of this Treaty, and of the Act passed by Congress in connection with it, will be laid before you.

"By the terms of the Treaty, the consent of each of the Legislatures of the British North American Provinces is specially required, before its provisions can have full operation.

"You will, in common with the rest of Her Majesty's subjects, rejoice in the assurance afforded by the Treaty for an uninterrupted continuance of the amicable relations which have so long existed between Great Britain and the United States; and I trust that you will see reason to believe that the large additional facilities of commercial intercourse with the United States, which are now offered for your acceptance, will open to the Trade and Industry of this Province new sources of wealth, and the prospect of increasing prosperity.

"Should you entertain these views, I shall readily co-operate with you in removing the impediments which the existing Laws of the Province now present to the full execution of the Treaty.

"A few weeks only have elapsed since Cholera prevailed in some districts of the Province, and especially in Saint John.

"Trade was disturbed, Industry partially suspended, and, in a short period of time, a large number of persons fell victims to the disease.

"It has pleased the Almighty to relieve us from this cause for disquietude and alarm; and we owe unfeigned gratitude to Him for the restored health of the community.

"An opportunity is now afforded for the timely adoption of those precautionary measures of sanitary regulation and improvement, which may, under Providence, be expected to prevent the recurrence of the Epidemic; and I invite your attention, and that of the People of this Province in general, to this important subject.

"You will, I am well assured, at all times, be guided by a spirit of loyalty to Her Majesty, and of zeal for the public good; and I trust that Providence will prosper our united endeavours to promote the welfare of this Province."

Mr. Brown then proposed the Address to His Excellency, in answer to the Speech, which he read in his place; and the same being seconded by Mr. Lunt, it was handed in to the Chair, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency The Honorable JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of the House of Assembly.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

1. We, Her Majesty's faithful Commons, thank Your Excellency for the Speech delivered at the opening of the present Session, and beg to express our gratification at meeting Your Excellency as the Lieutenant Governor of this Province.