

At two o'clock, His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, and Companion of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province, came to the Council Chamber, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know : " It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker,

His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by a Speech to both Houses.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable the President informed the House, that he was in possession of a copy of His Excellency's Speech, which he read, and is as follows :—

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,  
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I have called you together at this unusual season of the year, for the purpose of communicating to you His Majesty's final pleasure in reference to a measure of no ordinary favor and liberality on the part of the Crown—the surrender, to your control and disposal, of the proceeds of all His Majesty's Casual and Territorial Revenues in this Province, upon certain conditions; and the only observation with which I will accompany the important documents, copies of which I have directed immediately to be laid before you, is that I feel an entire conviction that the suggestions of the King's Government will be received by you with the most respectful attention.

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

My connexion with this Province is of much too recent a date to warrant my submitting to you, at present, any suggestions relative to the objects to which it might appear to me advantageous to the interests of the Province to recommend to you to apply any portion of the Revenues to which I have alluded. I will therefore merely express to you the satisfaction which, as His Majesty's Representative, I feel in being authorized and instructed to ratify, on the part of our truly paternal Sovereign, an arrangement with His Majesty's loyal subjects of this Province, of the advantages of which, as respects *their* interests, the King had only to be satisfied in order to insure His Majesty's most willing and gracious assent.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,  
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I will detain you from the exercise of your Legislative duties only for the purpose of expressing my earnest and confident hope that a spirit of harmony and of wisdom will continue to guide your deliberations upon the very important measures now to be brought under your renewed consideration, and upon which the future welfare and prosperity of this Province so mainly depend.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session.

ORDERED.