

Then the Honorable Mr. *Blackwood* came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the Thirty-first of His present Majesty, which was administered by *David Monro*, Esq. one of the Commissioners, and took his Seat accordingly.

Then the Commissioner withdrew.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency SIR GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, Governor in Chief, being seated in the Chair, on the Throne, the Speaker 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 deliver the following Speech :

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I have great satisfaction in again meeting you in Provincial Parliament, from an assurance that your deliberations will be influenced by the same principles of loyalty and affection to your Sovereign, and of active zeal for the security and welfare of this Province, which have hitherto distinguished the people of Lower Canada.

His Majesty still suffering, to the great regret of all his Subjects, under the malady with which he has so long been afflicted, the Government continues to be administered by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, with a wisdom and energy which promise the most lasting benefits to the British Empire.

Upon the Continent of Europe, a formidable confederation of Military Talents and strength has been formed, by the union of Russia, Prussia, Austria and Sweden, for the purpose of resisting the further attempts of the Ruler of France to obtain Universal Dominion ; and the brilliant successes which have hitherto invariably attended the Arms of
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