

HER MAJESTY'S COUNCIL.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

SECOND SESSION, SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
2nd VICTORIA.

Wednesday, 20th June, 1838.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Colonial Legislature—

At half-past One of the Clock, p. m., the House met—

House meets.

Present,

The Honorable ARCHIBALD WALKER, *Commandant.*

Members present.

“ “ JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney-General.*

“ “ JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary.*

“ “ JOHN DUNSCOMB.

“ “ WILLIAM THOMAS.

“ “ JOHN B. BLAND.

“ “ JOHN SINCLAIR.

At Two of the Clock, p. m., His Excellency the Governor having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Honorable the President of the Council commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to go to the Commons House of Assembly, and inform the Members that it was His Excellency's pleasure that they do forthwith attend at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto His Excellency was pleased to open the present Session by a Gracious Speech to both Houses, of which the following is a Copy :—

His Excellency the Governor arrives at the Council Chamber.

The Assembly summoned to attend him.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council;

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

It gives me particular pleasure to meet you on this day, the auspicious anniversary of our beloved Sovereign's Accession—may your labours contribute to the fulfilment of Her Majesty's ardent desire for the prosperity and happiness of this important Colony.

His Excellency's Speech.

I shall have the honor of laying before you the Copy of a Despatch from Lord Glenelg by which you will learn that the Queen has been graciously pleased to offer Her Royal Mediation for the settlement of those differences between the Council and the House of Assembly which last year unfortunately prevented the passing of any Appropriation Act.

I feel confident that an adoption of the measures suggested by Her Majesty will obviate similar misunderstandings in future, and afford the best means of securing a satisfactory application of the Public Funds.

My remarks at the opening of the last Session respecting the Acts for the Relief of Disabled Seamen, Fishermen, and other Persons, and for the encouragement of Education, I beg once more to offer to your consideration—I must also renew the recommendation to your favor and protection of the Hospital at River Head, the benefit of that Institution having become more and more apparent.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

I shall immediately transmit to you Copies of Despatches in answer to your late Addresses to Her Majesty or to Her Majesty's Government.

In consequence of the peculiar and painful incident attendant on the Prorogation, I have found myself compelled during the recess to assume the responsibility of issuing Warrants