
JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

The House of Assembly,

OF

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Thursday, 8th January, 1824.

A MESSAGE from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill :
Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows :

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council :

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

I HAVE called you together at this early period of the year, with a view to the convenience of those Members of the Legislature who reside at a distance from the capital ; and, it affords me very sincere satisfaction to inform you, that I consider the affairs of the Province to be in a state of steady and progressive prosperity : not occasioned by any adventitious, accidental cause, or temporary excitement, but arising solely, (under the blessing of Divine Providence,) from the many natural and local advantages which we possess, and a judicious application of our own means and resources, living under a Paternal Government, and the protection of a powerful Empire.

It was expected that many beneficial effects would result from a general diffusion of Agricultural Knowledge and improvements, throughout the country, by means of the Institutions formed for that purpose : But the expectations which even the most sanguine entertained, promise to be completely realized.—Habits of active industry and systematic frugality, are taking deep root, I have reason to believe, among the Farming classes of the community ; and I think the day is not far distant, when Bread Corn will be raised within the Province, sufficient to supply the wants of its population.

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