

MONDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1839.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Joseph Allison,
Norman F. Uniacke,
James W. Johnston,
William Lawson,

The Honorable George Smith,
Alexander Stewart,
William B. Almon, M.D.

His Excellency the
Lt. Governor comes
to the Council
Chamber

At half-past two o'clock, P. M. His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir COLIN CAMPBELL, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c. came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House,"

H. A. attend

Who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to make the following

S P E E C H :

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

Speech

THE Loyalty for which Nova-Scotia has always been conspicuous, was never more cordially expressed than in your joint Address congratulating Her Majesty on Her Accession to the Throne; nor more pleasingly exhibited than in the rejoicings which took place in all parts of the Province on the occasion of Her Coronation. Such being the general feeling towards our beloved Sovereign, I could not open the present Session in a more acceptable manner than by acquainting you "that Her Majesty received, with gratitude and satisfaction, the assurances of your devoted attachment to Her Person and Government; and that, in promoting the interests of Her faithful Subjects in this Colony, the Queen will discharge one of the most grateful duties of the station to which it has pleased Divine Providence to call her."

I am happy to be able to congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Province. At the present moment we have ample cause to be thankful to the ALMIGHTY for an abundant Harvest—a successful Fishery—an improving Commerce and Revenue, and for uninterrupted tranquillity.

In the full enjoyment of this last and great blessing, we cannot but deeply lament that our loyal Brethren in the Canadas are not equally favored; and I am assured that, while admiring the noble stand which they have successfully made against the late nefarious attempts to sever their connexion with the Parent Kingdom, you will sincerely feel for the sufferings of the Families of those brave Men who have fallen while defending the authority of their Sovereign and their own dearest rights.

You cannot have failed to observe, with high satisfaction, that every act of Her Majesty's Government relating to these Colonies, has clearly indicated Her firm resolve to withstand all attempts to destroy or weaken Her supremacy over them.

It affords me gratification to state that it is contemplated to substitute Steam Packets for the sailing Vessels now employed in the conveyance of the Mails between Great Britain and Halifax.

To secure the attainment of all the advantages anticipated from this arrangement, the co-operation of the Legislatures of the several Colonies to be benefitted by it is essential; and I obey Her Majesty's commands in submitting the matter to your consideration, and inviting you to assist in improving the Mail Routes, and to afford such other facilities as may depend on you, with a view to increased expedition in the communication between this place, New Brunswick and Quebec.

Her Majesty trusts that this measure, involving as it does considerable additional expenditure by the Mother Country, will prove beneficial to the Public, and give satisfaction to the Colonies.

Mr.