

Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province, came to the Council Chamber, and, by Message, commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly.

The House of Assembly attended accordingly, and His Excellency opened the Session by a Speech.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.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

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,

“ **A**T the close of the last Session of the General Assembly I had to express to you the regret which I felt at the loss of the Appropriations. This feeling has since been very much increased by the Petitions I have received from many of the Counties, representing the inconvenience and distress likely to arise from this unhappy circumstance, which, if not remedied, will create difficulty and embarrassment in every branch of the public service, and cannot fail to prove particularly discouraging to the poor classes who derive benefit from the expenditure of the public Monies, which the bounty of the Legislature is accustomed annually to distribute throughout the Country.

“ The earnest solicitations contained in those Petitions that I should reassemble the Legislature at an early period, for the purpose of relieving the Country from the anticipated evils, have alone induced me to call you together at this unusual and inconvenient season. If, however, you should deem it expedient to confine your proceedings to this single object, your absence from your homes need not be of any long duration.

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

“ I rely upon your liberality and zeal for the public good, to make such Appropriations as the public service requires.

“ Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

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

“ I earnestly trust that a spirit of wisdom and moderation will guide your deliberations to such a result as will promote the welfare of the People, advance the interests of the Province, and thereby afford the most solid and lasting satisfaction to your own minds.”

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Speech.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. W. H. Robinson and Saunders be appointed the Committee for the above purpose.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o' Clock.

TUESDAY,