

July, 1831, under the Great Seal of the Province, Isaac Woodward Jouett, Esquire, is appointed Sergeant at Arms to attend on the Council in General Assembly.

The Council was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the Council was resumed.

His Excellency Major General Sir Archibald Campbell, 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 withdrew, and His Excellency retired.

The President reported a copy of His Excellency's Speech, which he read as follows :—

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

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

I HAVE availed myself of as early an opportunity of meeting you for the first time, in General Assembly, as I thought would be consistent with your convenience, and a due regard to the public service.

“ It affords me great pleasure to find, from the concurring testimony of those best acquainted with the subject, as well as from my own short experience and observation, that I may congratulate you on the prosperous and improving state of the Agriculture of the Province. The encouragement of that great and permanent branch of industry, upon which the great body of the people mainly depends for comfort and support, is among all nations considered to be an object of the very first importance; but in a young country, especially, it is one that is peculiarly entitled to the constant attention of a wise and watchful Legislature.

“ I am happy at the same time to have it in my power to state, that the Trade and Fisheries of the Country, are, under all circumstances, in a thriving and promising condition. But when we consider the great and manifold natural advantages with which this Province has been favored for prosecuting mercantile pursuits, the due protection and encouragement of Commerce must be viewed as one of the leading principles of our Provincial policy; and it is not too much to hope, that the time is fast approaching, when the inherent and collateral resources of the Country will be brought into full and active operation.

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

“ I have directed the Treasurer's Accounts, and the documents connected with them to be laid before you. In consequence of the duties on articles imported from the United States having been taken off, you are no doubt prepared to expect a de-
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