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**WEDNESDAY, October 12, 1825.**

AGREEABLY to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's Proclamation the House met at their apartment in the Court House.

A message from the Lieut. Governor, by George Richard Goodman, Esq. Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor commands the attendance of this Honorable House immediately in the Council chamber.

The House accordingly attended in the Council chamber, and having returned, the Speaker reported, that his Excellency was pleased to deliver the following speech to both Houses of the Assembly, of which Mr. Speaker said he had to prevent mistakes obtained a copy, which was read and delivered in at the Clerk's table, and is as follows:

*“Mr. President, and Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,*

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

“The arrangement of my private affairs rendering it necessary for me to be absent from the Island during the ensuing winter, I have deemed it necessary to call you together at this time, principally with a view of submitting to you the propriety of continuing to a more distant period such Laws as might otherwise expire previous to my return; and this, I most earnestly hope, may occupy little of your time, and enable me to relieve you, without rendering your public duty burthensome to you on the present occasion.

“Since meeting you in the last General Assembly, I have endeavoured to make myself fully acquainted with the state of the Island, and the situation of its Inhabitants, by visiting almost every part of it during the summer: and I most sincerely congratu-

tulate you on the increasing industry and happy tranquillity I have every where witnessed,

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

“I shall direct the Treasurer's accounts to be laid before you: it affords me great pleasure to have it in my power to state, that the receipts of the two last Quarters give me reasonable grounds to expect that our Revenue will realize the estimated amount and prove sufficient to meet the expenditure of the year.

*“Mr. President, and Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,*

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

“Should any other matter be considered necessary to submit to you during the present Session, I will not fail to communicate it by message, and I beg to recommend to you most earnestly, a continuation of that harmony and good understanding which marked your proceedings throughout the last Session, and which is at all times so necessary for the dispatch of public business.”

On motion of Mr. Hodgson, it was ordered, that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech. Mr. Hodgson, the Attorney General, and Mr. Mabey, were accordingly appointed a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. McNeill, it was ordered, that a copy of the Journals be sent to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, each day as soon as possible after the adjournment, and that a copy be also sent to Mr. James Douglas Hazard, Printer, and that he do furnish each member with a printed copy thereof as soon as possible.