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HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

WEDNESDAY, January 2, 1833.

In pursuance of the foregoing Proclamation, His Majesty's Council met.

PRESENT

The Hon. *Chief Justice, Jarvis*, President;

The Honorables { *George Wright,*
Ambrose Lane,
T. H. Haviland,
Charles Worrell,
The Attorney General.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the Council Chamber, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to desire the immediate attendance of the House of Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The House of Assembly with their Speaker having attended accordingly, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech, viz:

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

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

The early period at which you were last assembled having been found conducive to your convenience, it affords me much pleasure to be enabled to repeat this acknowledged proof of my desire to meet your wishes, by summoning you, in your Legislative capacity, for the second time, at the commencement of a New Year; and I confidently anticipate that your earnest efforts will be directed to discharge, diligently, effectually, and consequently with concord, the important public duty that has been entrusted to you.

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

The Accounts and Returns of the Revenue and Expenditure of the past year, shall be laid before you, without delay.

You will be gratified to perceive that our Exports and Imports are steadily on the increase—from this circumstance, abstractedly viewed, it may be inferred that the usual benefits of commercial activity will soon gladden the Island to a greater extent than has yet been experienced; but I may also congratulate you on the station which your trade occupies relatively to the other British Provinces in this hemisphere.

Contrasting your population, and Exports and Imports, with those of British North America, it will be found that your Importations, or wants, are less by £4000, and your Exports, or superfluities, greater by £6000, than the proportion which justly falls to your share, under a comparison made with these materials.