

accuracy, he had obtained a copy, and which he read to the House as follows :—

SPEECH :—

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :—

It affords me much pleasure again to meet you at the usual period of the year for resuming our deliberations on the public affairs of Newfoundland, and I rely with full confidence on your applying yourselves with your accustomed zeal and diligence to the consideration of such measures as may tend to promote its welfare.

His Excellency's Speech.

I have to congratulate you on the great improvement which has taken place in the Revenues of the last year, evincing the favorable change that has occurred during that period in the commercial prospects of the colony; and I trust that these additional resources will enable you to give increased facilities to the fisherman, as well as to the agriculturist, in their communications throughout the country, by the completion of those main lines of Road that connect the remoter settlements with the capital of the island.

An Act has passed the Imperial Parliament in their last Session, for repealing the 16th section of the 15th Geo., 3, cap. 31, on the subject of which, previously to its Proclamation, I shall communicate with you by message.

I will cause to be laid before you copies of several Despatches which have been received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :—

I shall direct the accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the past year, with the Estimates for the current year, to be laid before you, and I rely with unabated confidence upon your disposition to make all due provision for the exigencies and probable contingencies of the Public Service during the present year.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council :—

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :—

I now leave you to the discharge of your important functions, and have only further to renew to you my former assurances of my constant readiness and earnest desire cordially to co-operate with you in all measures calculated to advance the interests of every class of this Island.

Mr. WINSER presented a petition from J. B. Cox, of St. John's, and the same was received and read,—praying that he might be appointed outer Door-keeper to the House of Assembly.

Petition from J. B. Cox.