

twenty fifth instant, under the Great Seal of the Province, William Tyng Peters, Esquire, is appointed Clerk of the Council in General Assembly.

Read the said Commission.

ORDERED, That Mr. Peters taken his seat as Clerk accordingly.

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**T gives me much satisfaction to meet you again in General Assembly, and I rejoice that press of business has not obliged me to call you together before the period which I was led to suppose, on a former occasion, would be the best suited to the convenience of the Members of both Houses.

“ In thus meeting you for the second time, it was my wish to have avoided a repetition of any of the subjects adverted to in my address at the opening of the last Session; but I feel myself most reluctantly called upon again to draw your attention to the state of the Great Roads throughout the Province, the unfinished and ruinous condition of many of the lines so termed, evinces, after the liberal appropriations made from time to time for the attainment of an object of such paramount importance to the settlement and prosperity of the Province, (amounting to no less a sum than one hundred thousand pounds since the year eighteen hundred and fifteen,) that some radical defect exists in the system, the remedying of which, will, I confidently trust, be deemed of sufficient moment to merit your most serious consideration: It is to be feared that the same remark may be found applicable to the Bye Roads, notwithstanding the expenditure, within the same period, of the sum of about fifty thousand pounds.

“ The Act for regulating the Statute labour expiring this Session, I am convinced that it is quite unnecessary for me, in a matter of such importance to the Country, to call, in its renewal, your most mature and deliberate attention to the different interests of the public.

“ I regret to state that that important source of our Commerce, as well as of our domestic comfort, the Fisheries, has of late become nearly a failure, particularly,  
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