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His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel Sir William Macbean George Colebrooke, K. H.
Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

Fredericton, Wednesday, 19th January, 1842.

THE House having been by several Proclamations prorogued until this day, then to meet for the despatch of business; and being met—

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

The House attended, and being returned—

Mr. End moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to abolish Privilege of the Members of the Assembly in certain cases.

Leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Speaker then reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy; which he read to the House, and is as follows:—

“ Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

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

“ HAVING assumed the Government of this Province after the close of the last Session, I should have been anxious to have met you earlier if the public affairs required that I should have called you together before the ordinary period.

“ The distresses in Saint John occasioned by Commercial embarrassment and the late calamitous Fires, admitted only of partial alleviation; and relying on your support in measures of a general nature, which would be calculated to establish the credit and develop the resources of the Province in a manner likely to prove beneficial to all classes, I have felt every confidence that the sufferings which have been occasioned by these occurrences would be transient, under the beneficent dispensations of Divine Providence, for whose bounties this Province has such abundant cause of thankfulness.

“ I cordially congratulate you on the auspicious event which has been recently announced of the Birth of an Heir Apparent to the Throne—an event which has given heartfelt satisfaction to all Her Majesty's faithful subjects.

“ Aware of the importance you attach to a settlement of the Boundary, I may be permitted to hope that a sense of the great benefits that would be derived to the Inhabitants of the contiguous States, as well as of the British Provinces, from the termination of the dispute, will lead to an early and satisfactory issue of the negotiations between Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States.

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