

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

THURSDAY, March 5th, 1829.

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

PRESENT.

The Hon. *Chief Justice Jarvis*, President ;

Honourables { *George Wright*,
Ambrose Lane,
T. H. Haviland,
Charles Worrell.

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 inform the House of Assembly, that "it is his Excellency's pleasure that they do attend him in the Council Chamber instanter;"—who being come, his Excellency was then pleased to open the Session with the following Speech :—

"*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council:*

"*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

"I have called you together for the necessary dispatch of public business, and in doing so, I feel great satisfaction in having it in my power to state, as well from my own personal observation as the information I have received, that every useful branch of our Industry is steadily advancing. Our Revenue has increased, affording a considerable surplus beyond the receipts of last year: order and regularity every where prevail; whilst a just and impartial administration of the Laws secures to every man the fruits of his own exertions. Our Fisheries, so long neglected, appear to be reviving; a branch of industry of the first importance, as well to our agricultural as commercial interests, opening a market for the produce of the Farmer, and furnishing the means of a most valuable export. Public Schools are increasing in number under the operation of the present School Act, and their beneficial effects are most sensibly felt. The Act, however, as it relates to the organization of Classical Schools appears susceptible of improvement, with the view of opening to the youth of the Colony the means of receiving a more extensive course of instruction. In bringing these subjects to your notice, I am persuaded they will receive from you that serious consideration which their importance demands.

"*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

"The rejection of the Appropriation Bill last Session has caused much embarrassment in the due administration of the Government, and impeded the advancement of the Colony. In this unsatisfactory situation, I have, with the advice of my Council, confined the expenditure of the present year solely to purposes of the first public necessity. An account of the sums thus drawn from the Treasury, with the Treasurer's yearly accounts, will be immediately laid before you; and I have directed the usual estimate to be submitted to you, relying with undiminished confidence on your providing the supplies necessary for the support of his Majesty's Government, with your accustomed liberality.

"*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council:*

"*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

"I will not enter further into detail at present, intending to call your attention, by Message, to such other general measures as I may judge necessary; and your own experience and knowledge of the wants of the Colony, will also suggest to you many which may escape my observation. I cannot, however, conclude without expressing my sincere hope and expectation, that, in the exercise of your respective important functions, the public good will be diligently and exclusively considered; and that the first moments of your sitting will be occupied in an earnest endeavour to bring the unfortunate misunderstanding of the last Session to an amicable adjustment; an adjustment so necessary to the future welfare and prosperity of the Colony, that without it an entire stop will be put to all public business, and the Colony plunged into inextricable difficulties. To bring matters to this desirable end, a system of mutual compromise appears to me the best mode for both parties to pursue.

"J. READY,
Lt. Governor."