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OF THE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

OF THE

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA,

THURSDAY, 19th MAY, 1808.

A MESSAGE from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Wallace,
Acting Secretary:

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend his Excellency, immediately, in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber;

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency had been pleased to make a *SPEECH*; 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 Gentlemen of the Council,

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

HIS Majesty having been graciously pleased to appoint me to the Government of this important Establishment; my duty, as well as my inclination, will ever deeply interest me in its prosperity and happiness.

In addressing you for the first time, I embrace the opportunity it affords me, of detailing his Majesty's paternal solicitude for the security of his Province of Nova-Scotia.

In addition to the formidable reinforcement of select Troops, with ample supplies of warlike stores, which have been landed on your shores, our Gracious Sovereign has commanded a considerable supply of arms, accoutrements, clothing and camp equipage, to be sent out for the equipment and accommodation of the Militia Forces of this Province.

After enumerating these marks of the King's benevolent consideration, I am persuaded you will perceive the propriety of giving immediate attention to the revision and amendment of the Militia Laws; and will adopt such measures as will co-operate with his Majesty's views, and tend to the permanent strength and security of the Province, in its present critical situation; and that his Majesty's Loyal Subjects in Nova-Scotia, will evince a ready disposition justly to appreciate the exertions which