
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, LOWER-CANADA.

Quebec, Friday, 20th November, 1795.

THE House being met, a Message by Mr. *William Boutillier* Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod—
Mr. Speaker,

It is His Excellency the GOVERNOR GENERAL'S pleasure, that this Honorable House do immediately attend him in the Legislative Council Chamber.

The House went up accordingly; and being returned,

Mr. *Taschereau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lester*, for leave to bring in a Bill for making, repairing and changing the Roads and Bridges in this Province, and to repeal certain Laws therein mentioned:

Which being unanimously agreed unto.

Mr. *Taschereau* read the same in French and afterwards delivered it in at the table.

Ordered, that the said Bill be translated into English.

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had been to attend His Excellency the Governor General, in the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to open the present session by a most Gracious Speech to both Houses; and that to prevent mistakes, he had obtained for the information of the House, a copy of His Excellency's Speech which he read as follows:

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

SOON after your last meeting I received such information from His Majesty's Ministers concerning the deficiency of the preceding harvest in Europe as rendered it expedient to take measures for securing to Great Britain and its dependencies all the wheat, wheat flour, and pease which could be spared from this country, for which purpose I issued a Proclamation on the 18th of May last.

The general failure of the crops this year in Lower Canada has since induced me wholly to prohibit the exportation of wheat, peas, oats, barley,