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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

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TUESDAY, January 28, 1840.

THE House having, by several Proclamations, been prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business :

And being met—

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by John Cambridge Wright, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod :

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber—and being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House did attend His Excellency this day in the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

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

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

I have called you together at the usual season of the year, as being the best suited to the ordinary course of the public business.

It is with peculiar satisfaction that I am enabled to congratulate you upon the increased prosperity which has marked the progress of the past year in every department of our productive industry.

The influx of emigration—the wealth and sinews of a new country—has not been equalled in any former season ; and, notwithstanding a partial failure of the wheat crop in some parts of the colony, we have reason to be thankful for a plentiful harvest.

The Revenue exhibits an increase considerably exceeding that of the preceding year ; and it is not unworthy of remark, that the Customs' Department, the receipts of which have heretofore proved inadequate to support the expense of the establishment, has, in the last year, paid a large sum into the Provincial Treasury.

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

I have much pleasure in communicating to you the sanction of Her Majesty's Government, to the appropriation of the liberal sum of £1500, out of the accruing produce of the Sales of Crown Lands, to the erection of a Building in Charlottetown, as an Asylum for insane persons, and other objects of charity, upon the terms stated by you, in your address upon that important subject, presented to me during the last session.

I shall, at the earliest period, cause the Public Accounts to be laid before you. The expenditure upon Roads and Bridges will be found to exceed the sum appropriated to that particular service ; but as this expenditure became necessary, in consequence of the heavy gale with which the Island was visited on the 13th of September, I cannot doubt that it will receive your sanction.