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## HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1832.

In pursuance of the foregoing Proclamation, His Majesty's Council met:  
PRESENT

The Hon. Chief Justice Jarvis, President ;  
The Honorables { *George Wright,*  
*T. H. Haviland,*  
*The Attorney General.*

**H**IS 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 desire the immediate attendance of the House of Assembly, in the Council Chamber :

The House of Assembly having attended accordingly—His Excellency was 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:*

You have been convened in General Assembly at a period somewhat earlier than has been usual, in order that the administration of Justice in the Supreme Court of Judicature at the time fixed by Law may not interrupt your Session, to your own inconvenience, and the public detriment.

As the Representative of a Sovereign whose every thought is directed to the welfare of his people, and whose beneficence is too shining to fail in being an example to all his Subjects, however remote, it becomes alike my duty and my inclination to proffer to you, at this the earliest opportunity, the sincere assurances of my unaffected desire to promote, in all its branches, the prosperity of this fertile Island, and, if possible, the individual happiness of every Member of the community.

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

The Accounts of the past year shall be laid before you without delay.

In the execution of the portion of public duty, that, according to the Constitution under which it is our high privilege to live, devolves exclusively on you, due provision has hitherto been made for the good order and respectability of Government. The wisdom which has dictated this course, will, I doubt not, still continue to influence your deliberations; thus, gradually, but surely, attracting an influx of capital to your shores, by affording, under Providence, security to the progress of industry, and to the accumulation of its fruits.

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

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

Conscious that without your co-operation, any exertions of mine cannot but be imperfect, I frankly claim from you an unreserved communication on such subjects as to your local experience may seem useful to the Public Service—and believe me, Gentlemen, this confidence shall on my part be reciprocal :

Enter then on your Legislative functions—With concord and disinterested unity of purpose, provide for the public good, and draw down on yourselves and on your fellow Colonists, the blessings that have ever attended labours so directed.

The Speech being ended, His Excellency was pleased to retire, and the House of Assembly having withdrawn, the President reported His Excellency's Speech, which being read by the Clerk—