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“ **A** GREEABLE to his Excellency the **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S** Proclamation the House met.

“ A Message from the Lieutenant Governor requiring the Attendance of the House immediately in the Council Chamber; the House accordingly attended and having returned, the **SPEAKER** reported that his Excellency had been pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses, viz.

“ *Mr. President and Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,*

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

“ **I** Congratulate you most sincerely upon the General Success which since our last meeting continues to attend his Majesty's Fleets and Armies, and which under the Blessing of Divine Providence seems to predict at no very distant period the overthrow of a Despot who seeks to enchain mankind.

“ While rapacity and insurrection have spread their desolating flame in every quarter of the Globe, Great Britain enjoys her Religion her Laws and her Liberty under the Government of a revered Monarch, whose reign, during half a century, has been marked by prosperity and success.

“ Although this unexampled state of foreign distraction has necessarily created accumulated claims upon the attention of the King's Ministers, yet their goodness has not left us unnoticed; and I have the satisfaction to announce that his Majesty has been pleased to adopt the recommendation of the Lords of the Committee of his Most Honourable Privy Council, and to declare his Royal Allowance of an Act passed by the Legislature of this Colony, at its last Session, intituled “ An Act for raising the Sum of Sixteen Hundred Pounds for the purpose of Erecting Buildings for the Meetings of the General Assembly, the Supreme Court, and its Offices, in Charlotte-Town, and for Building Two Gaols, one in Prince County, and one in King's County, in this Island.

“ The Act for the Relief of the Loyalists still remain under the consideration of the Lords of the Committee; in the mean time I have every hope that the proofs of the laborious exertions of that most deserving class of Colonists, in the original settlement and improvement of this Island, and of their acknowledged claims, will not fail to operate the just result of adequate redress and compensation.

“ The several other acts which passed last Session have been considered by his Majesty's Ministers, and are reported as not being objectionable.

“ It would have afforded me infinite pleasure to announce to you that the several objects of your former consideration and provision, had been executed: but from a number of concurrent obstructions, I can report but very little progress towards their completion. The demand for Timber in this Colony having, during the last year, doubled the price of labour and caused not only a decrease in the crops but an increase in the consumption, accompanied by two successive unfavourable seasons, has rendered it impracticable to effect these objects, under the mode of carrying on public works, which has usually been adopted in this country: as an improvement of that mode, I have deemed it necessary to