

JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
OF
THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

THURSDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, 1808.

A MESSAGE from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George :
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 His Majesty's Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

IT is with satisfaction, I again meet you in General Assembly ; feeling assured, from your former conduct, that your deliberations will be directed to promote the honor of His Majesty's Government, and the safety and prosperity of this Province.

When we last met, the critical situation of affairs, occasioned by the war in which His Majesty is justly engaged for the defence of his Crown, the independence of his People, and the commerce of his Subjects, filled our minds with serious apprehensions ; it is, therefore, with great pleasure, I now congratulate you on the favourable alteration in the aspect of public affairs.

The patriotic and determined spirit of the Spaniards, to maintain the independence of their nation, and resist the usurpation and despotism of France, has enabled His Majesty to discontinue hostilities against Spain.

The success which has hitherto attended his Majesty's great exertions in this just and glorious cause affords the most flattering hopes, that the friendly connexion so long wished for by both nations, and now so happily formed, will be permanent.

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