

JOURNAL
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

TUESDAY, January 24th, 1837.

In pursuance of the foregoing Proclamations, the Legislative Council met.

PRESENT:

The Honorable *Chief Justice Jarvis*, President;

HON. *Mr. Wright,*
Mr. Lane,
Mr. Haviland,

HON. *Mr. Brecken,*
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Goodman.

HIS 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, with their Speaker, 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;

The King having been graciously pleased to appoint me to be His Majesty's Representative in this Island, I have called you together at as early a period as appeared to me consistent with your own convenience, and with a due regard to other circumstances, in order that you may be afforded the fullest opportunities for the consideration of such Legislative measures as may be suggested to you, or as the state of the Colony may appear to you to demand.

Before we enter together upon the business of the Session, it is my duty, not only to assure you of my earnest desire cordially to co-operate with you in the advancement of every well considered measure which you may recommend to my attention, but also to invite the most frank and unreserved communication with me at all times when it may appear to you that by such communications any measure of public utility is likely to be promoted.

Although we have to lament a partial failure in the crops in some of the sections of the Island, occasioned by unseasonable frosts, it is with much satisfaction that I am enabled to congratulate you and the Colony upon the improved state of the Revenue, in which an increase is exhibited to the amount of at least one-eighth above the receipts of the preceding year.