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AND

## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

OF THE

#### PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

SESSION 1853.

16°. VICTORIÆ.

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THURSDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1853.

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The house having been by several proclamations prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business; and being met—

House meet.

A message from his excellency the lieutenant governor, by John James Sawyer, esquire, the gentleman usher of the black rod:

Message from governor.

*Gentlemen,*

His excellency the lieutenant governor commands the immediate attendance of this honorable house in the council chamber.

Commands attendance of house.

Accordingly the house went up to attend his excellency in the council chamber.

House attend.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the house had attended his excellency in the council chamber, and that his excellency had been pleased to make a speech to both houses of the provincial parliament—of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy—which he read to the house as follows:

Governor's speech reported.

*Mr. President and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council:*

*Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly:*

Speech.

In meeting you for the first time, I cannot but congratulate myself that I see before me those who represent an intelligent people, whose constitution is well defined, and who are accustomed,