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OF

The House of Assembly,

OF

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA

Thursday, 13th February, 1823.

A MESSAGE from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill:—
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 the Lieutenant-Governor 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 very gratifying to me, in meeting you in General Assembly, to have it in my power to congratulate you on the improving state of the Province, in almost every branch of its industry.

The distress which prevailed last year is now happily diminishing; our Agricultural exertions continue unabated; and another abundant harvest has, under the blessing of Divine Providence, spread plenty throughout the country: Our Commerce also has begun to revive; while new and important markets appear to be opening to those engaged in the Fisheries. I entertain indeed a sanguine hope, that the two Acts passed in the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, by enlarging the field for commercial enterprise, will eventually prove highly beneficial to our Colonial Trade.

I have also great satisfaction in acquainting you, that the Provincial Revenue of the last year has been amply sufficient to meet all the charges against it, and to pay off all arrears: every just claim upon the Government has been satisfied, I believe, with the utmost punctuality.

I think it also proper to inform you, that I have caused a system of more regularity to be observed, both as to the collection of the Revenue and its payment into the Treasury, which will be attended, I hope, with good effects.

Mr.