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# JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

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THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1828.

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 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,*

I HAVE called you together at as early a period of the year as the Public Service would admit of, and it affords me singular satisfaction to be enabled to lay before you a very favourable Report of the general state of the Province.

You will be gratified to learn that the Revenue of the last year has been unusually productive, and that, besides providing for the extensive Appropriations of the last Session, and diminishing, by several Thousand Pounds, the Provincial Notes in Circulation, I have been enabled to pay off a fourth part of the Funded Debt,—a circumstance which will doubtless afford you the highest satisfaction.

In visiting a considerable portion of the Province, since we last met, I was much gratified to observe the improved condition of the Country, and a spirit of active industry pervading the farming classes of the Community.

The Commercial Freedom, now happily enjoyed, has also led to increased activity and enterprize in Trade and Navigation; Foreign voyages are made to almost every part of the World, and the very flourishing state of the Coasting Trade, is a sure indication of the increasing prosperity and population of the Country.

I regret, however, to find, that our Fisheries are still inadequate to furnish the requisite