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## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, 12th March, 1795.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*,

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency commands this House, to attend his Excellency, immediately, in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House, went up to attend his Excellency.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker *reported*, That the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber; where his Excellency was 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 followeth viz :

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly;*

**I**N a Country like ours it is of great Importance to leave the Seasons of Agriculture as little incumbered by public avocations as possible: I have therefore called you together, at an earlier time of the Year, than has been usual of late, that the necessary Business of the Assembly, might be transacted, without interrupting the useful Labours of the Husbandman.

Having nothing particular in Command from his Majesty to recommend to your Consideration; and there being reason to suppose the Provincial Revenue will, without the Imposition of further Duties, prove adequate to the existing Exigencies of the Government: I have little to propose to you, except a Continuance of the Laws near expiring, with such Amendments, as Experience has pointed out to be useful and necessary.

It gives me great Pleasure to have it in my Power to repeat my Congratulations to you on the encreasing Prosperity of the Country, and on the pleasing Prospect there is of extinguishing the Public Debt of the Province, a considerable Reduction of which, has already been effected.

Considering this state of our Affairs, I cannot omit to suggest, that Agriculture, being obviously the great Basis on which the Prosperity of this People may be extended, including in its Result the best Support of our Trade and Fisheries, it will be worthy of the Care of the Legislature to afford some Encouragement to aid and expedite its Progress.

Relying on your Dispositions to conduct the Affairs of the Session, with mutual Candour, and good Will, I trust the Community will always experience the Benefit of Dispatch, and Moderation, and Harmony, in your Proceedings.