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THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Thursday, 5th February, 1818.

A MESSAGE from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Deputy-Secretary Cogswell :
Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber ;

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and 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 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 :—*

WHEN I called you together for the Dispatch of Business, I had flattered myself with the hope of meeting you this day under circumstances the most joyful ; but different, indeed, are those circumstances now ; with the deepest sorrow, I must announce to you the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales, on the 6th November last. This most melancholy event, carrying in it consequences of the highest interests to the Empire, has plunged the Royal Family, and the whole Nation, in universal grief.

Distant, though we are in this Province, from the sad scene in the Parent State, you will not the less, on that account, deplore this great National Calamity ; and I am confident that you will sincerely sympathise in this most heavy affliction of the Royal House, in all its Illustrious Branches.

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