

Then His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by the following Speech to both Houses :—

“ Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

“ THE exigencies of the Public Service have rendered it incumbent on me to summon you for the dispatch of business, at the earliest possible period after the conclusion of the late Elections; and although attendance at this season of the year will, I fear, be inconvenient to some of you, I am sure you will disregard any personal sacrifice incurred in the discharge of your public duties.

“ I have to announce to you, in the first place, two events of recent occurrence, in both of which Her Majesty's Loyal Subjects in this Province must feel an interest; the birth of another Princess, and the death of Her Majesty's Aunt, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester.

“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

“ I have, since the Prorogation of the late Assembly, issued Warrants on the Treasury for the payment of such sums as were deemed necessary to prevent inconvenience in the conduct of the current business of the Province. An Account of these payments will be submitted to you, and Estimates of the probable Revenue and Expenditure for the current year will be laid before you.

“ Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

“ In leaving you to your deliberations, I wish to express to you my confidence in your desire to promote the public interests, and I trust that Providence will bless our joint endeavours to maintain the character and to advance the prosperity of the Province.”

Which being ended, the House of Assembly withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable the President reported His Excellency's Speech.

An Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech is moved and seconded; and being read, was agreed to, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency The Honorable JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS-SUTTON, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

**THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF HER MAJESTY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council in General Assembly, thank Your Excellency for the Speech delivered at the opening of the Session.

Feeling assured that the exigencies of the public service require the earliest consideration, we cheerfully submit to any inconvenience occasioned by the performance of our public duties.

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