

JOURNAL

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, 1st June, 1803.

A MESSAGE from his Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary
Wentworth.
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 follows, viz.

Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council, and

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

THE general prosperity that prevails throughout the Province, the improvements which are, in every district, progressing, and the peaceable, industrious, prudent habits of the people, added to a state of general health, naturally call forth my congratulations, to the Legislature at this time ; when assembled to consider of measures that may be proper to continue those blessings.

Our devout thankfulness ought to be most seriously devoted to the Supreme Being, as the true source of every good, through whatever means derived to us ; and herein we should, on this occasion, in an especial manner, earnestly adore the Divine Mercy in protecting the sacred, precious, life of our Most Gracious Sovereign from the unprovoked machinations of foul conspirators, who have been confounded in their dark mischiefs, and have perished under the just, though awful vengeance of those wise and equitable laws, which they were wickedly attempting to subvert.

I rejoice, in feeling as I do, that not only every one here present, but also every person in this Province, will gladly unite with me, in the most earnest wishes of our hearts, that all such wicked and detestable endeavors may meet with a similar termination ; and that, should it ever be necessary, we shall be found ready and willing to devote our lives and fortunes to secure and enforce it.

GENTLEMEN,

As experience is a safe guide in public, as well as in private conduct, whenever it can be resorted to, I have unfeigned satisfaction in recommending a continuance of those Laws and Regulations which have been found beneficial, easy and productive ; should any amendments appear necessary, I shall readily concur therein. I