

GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL and
GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,

His Excellency's
speech.

“THE principal business, which I have at present to re-
“ commend to your deliberation, is the renewal of the
“ *Act for laying an Impost*, and such other temporary LAWS as
“ it may be expedient to continue. The zeal you have heretofore
“ so fully manifested for the public welfare, leaves me no room
“ to doubt your attention to any additions or amendments that
“ those LAWS may be found to require.

“ GENTLEMEN of the ASSEMBLY,

“ An account shall be laid before you of the Warrants that
“ have issued for the payment of the sums granted in the last
“ session.

“ A foundation was laid, some years ago, for an ACADEMICAL
“ ESTABLISHMENT in this Province; but the LANDS appro-
“ priated to that use, though of considerable extent, are not yet
“ sufficiently productive to answer the immediate exigencies of
“ such an institution. If therefore it is in your power, after
“ providing for those objects which have been formerly recom-
“ mended to you, I am confident you will want no arguments to
“ induce you cheerfully to contribute some annual allowance in
“ support of a Provincial Seminary of Learning.

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“ Though I have not received any direct information concern-
“ ing the present military arrangements in Europe, I cannot
“ but express my hope that the measures pursued by His Majesty
“ and his Allies may have their full effect, and that we may
“ continue to enjoy the blessings of peace, so essential in particu-
“ lar to the prosperity of this infant Colony.”

Bill read.

Read, the first time—

A bill “To provide for the maintenance of *Bastard Children*.”

Committee ap-
pointed.

On motion made and seconded—*Ordered*, that *Judge Saund-
ers, Colonel Billopp, Mr. Kinnear, Mr. Colin Campbell and Mr.
Rogers*, be a committee to prepare an address in answer to His
Excellency's speech.

Return of the
writ for a mem-
ber for Nor-
thumberland,

The Clerk of the Crown attended with the Writ for the elec-
tion of a member for the county of *Northumberland*, in the
room of *William Davidson*, Esquire, deceased, by the return of

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