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Thursday, February 20, 1862.

THE House having, by several Proclamations hereto annexed, been prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business ;

And being met—

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Henry Palmer, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker ;

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House at the Bar of 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 when the House did attend His Excellency this day in the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, and which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;

I have summoned you for the Dispatch of your Legislative Duties ; and I have great satisfaction in meeting you at the Opening of another Session.

Since the close of the last Session, the Queen and the Nation have sustained an irreparable loss in the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort.

I feel sure that none of Her Majesty's subjects sympathize with their Sovereign in Her affliction more deeply than you do.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;

The Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year will be laid before you—they have been framed with due regard to Economy.

The Public Accounts for the past Year will also be presented to you.

Notwithstanding the serious embarrassments, which the unhappy condition of a neighbouring People has occasioned to our Foreign Trade, I am glad to find that there has been no remarkable decrease in the Revenue of the past year. I regret, however, to say, that the Expenditure during the same period, though it shows a considerable decrease, as compared with the Expenditure of the preceding twelve-months, has not been covered by the Revenue.