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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.
Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA.

Thursday, 3d March, 1796.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by Mr. Secretary Bulkeley.

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.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council ;

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly ;

IT is peculiarly satisfactory to me, that I should again on the assembling of the Legislature be called to congratulate you on the general Prosperity of the Province, which demands our humble Thankfulness to the supreme Giver of all Good.

Among the Blessings derived from this Source we cannot but instantly advert to the Preservation of the sacred Person of our most Gracious Sovereign from a late daring and atrocious Attempt, which excites the utmost Detestation in the Breast of every faithful Subject, and therefore must sensibly affect the good People of this Province, whose Loyalty and attachment to his Majesty, his Family and Government, has been truly conspicuous.

It will be a Matter of great Pleasure to You, that I communicate the good Effects of our Regulations respecting the provincial Revenue ; which having answered the Expectations formed from them, in a desirable Reduction of the public Debt, and the new funded Debt being extinguished, induce me to recommend to your Consideration some Relief of his Majesty's Subjects from such of the existing Taxes as may be most judiciously dispensed with : It being always my Wish to diminish their Burthens, consistently with their general and permanent interests, and the support of Government, more especially, as I have the fullest Reliance in their Zeal, Liberality and Wisdom readily to supply for any future Exigencies