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THURSDAY, February 16, 1860.

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 :

It affords me great satisfaction to meet you, assembled as you now are for the discharge of your important duties.

In alluding to those subjects to which I would more particularly direct your attention, I am persuaded that you will, on entering on their consideration, do so with the sole desire to further the best interests of this Colony.

I would direct your attention to the necessity which exists for perfecting the present system of Education throughout the Island ; and more particularly would I invite you to consider the propriety of re-constructing the arrangements on which the Central Academy is now based, in order that the increasing requirements for instruction in the higher branches of learning may be met, and the usefulness of that establishment augmented.

The arrangement under which the Public Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs are at present maintained and repaired, is somewhat irregular and unsatisfactory. This subject is well worthy of your notice, so that you may concert and mature a more efficacious method.