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OF THE

House of Assembly of Newfoundland.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1836.

THE House having been, by his Excellency's Proclamation of the 21st of December last, prorogued until this day, then to meet for the despatch of business, met pursuant to the said Proclamation accordingly.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor was delivered by Robert Haly, Esquire, acting Usher of the Black Rod :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

It is his Excellency the Governor's pleasure that you attend him immediately in 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 the House had been in attendance on his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency had been pleased to make a speech to both Houses, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House as follows :

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly—

I have to announce to you that his Majesty has been graciously pleased to leave to their operation all the acts of this Legislature passed in *March, June and September, 1834*, with two exceptions.

“ The Act for increasing the number of Representatives in the House of Assembly, is suspended for the signification of his Majesty's pleasure. The questions raised by this act are of so much importance that his Majesty is unwilling to pronounce any decision upon them until after some further experience shall have been obtained of the practical effects, whether beneficial or otherwise, of the representative system, as at present in force, and so recently established in Newfoundland.”

Members Assemble.

Message from the Governor commanding the attendance of the House.

House attend his Excellency.

Mr. Speaker reports.

His Excellency's speech.