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TUESDAY, July 8th, 1817.

A GREEABLE to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Proclamation, the House met.

"A Message from His Excellency, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the attendance of this Honorable House, immediately in the Council Chamber."

The House accordingly attended, and having returned, the Speaker reported, that when the House attended this day in the Council Chamber His Excellency was pleased to deliver to both Houses of Assembly a Speech, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a Copy, which being read, is as follows, viz.

"Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,

"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

THE time which has elapsed since I last met you in General Assembly, has been productive on the public Theatre of the World, of events that surely never before occurred within the same period.

"Their magnitude and importance has been such, as must have brought them within the knowledge of every man, and however regular it would be, in addressing you collectively to name them, yet the certainty of their having so completely reached you individually, induces me briefly to allude to them in general terms.

"The Series of most extraordinary circumstances which has led to the pacification of the World, to describe in adequate terms, is a task, which the pen of the most brilliant future Historian will with difficulty accomplish; suffice it now to say that the storm of War which has so long raged, with destructive violence, has ceased, and that so suddenly, after the most glorious but sanguinary Victory which purchased the blessing, as to leave an agitated and troubled political Sea, even yet to subside into a calm: we may however humbly hope, that the same Almighty arm, which so powerfully upheld and supported the Mother Country, through the long protracted period of her trial, will not cease to protect her under any circumstances, but will enable her to surmount every difficulty, and if she be sufficiently grateful for her past unexampled prosperity to the hand from whence all blessings flow, extend it to a long futurity.

"The speedy and signal success against an African piratical State, which has added to the splendour of her arms, should again remind us forcibly of the giver of all Victory; let us ever receive such favours with more of thankfulness than triumph, of gratitude than exultation, and then future confidence may be indulged, and cannot be considered as presumption.

"The Annunciation of the Marriages which have taken place in the Royal Family, will of course, be received by you with sentiments of equal satisfaction, with those which have been felt and expressed throughout the British Dominions: such is the importance which every Loyal Subject must attach to whatever can in any degree, tend to maintain, the security of the established Succession to the Crown.

"Mr.