

**JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS**  
 OF  
**THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**  
 OF  
**THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA,**  
**SECOND SESSION, 1844,**

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Saturday, 20th July, 1844.

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The House having been by Proclamation prorogued until this day, then to meet for the Despatch of Business ; and being met— House meets

A Message was delivered by John James Sawyer, Esquire, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

*Mr. Speaker—*

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber. Lt. Gov. commands attendance of House

Accordingly the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, And being returned, House attend Gov.

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to certain proceedings had and pending in the Supreme Court at Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented relating to Supreme Court, Sydney, C. B. Read 1st time

Mr. Speaker then read to the House the copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as followeth : Speech of Lieut. Gov.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;  
 Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;*

I have called you together, in obedience to the instructions of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order to give you an opportunity to determine whether you will appoint an Agent to represent the Legislature of Nova Scotia, at the Bar of the Privy Council, in the case now pending before the Judicial Committee, regarding the legality of the annexation of the Island of Cape Breton to this Province, in 1820.

I will cause the Despatches I have received, having relation to this subject, to be immediately submitted to you.