

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NEWFOUNDLAND.



THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1835.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Legislature—
At a quarter past Three of the Clock, p. m., there was—

Present,

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Chief Justice;*

Who adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

Member present.

House adjourned for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1835.

The House met.

Present,

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BOULTON, *Chief Justice.*

House meets.

Members present.

” ” WILLIAM SALL, *Commandant.*

” ” JAMES SIMMS, *Attorney General.*

” ” JAMES CROWDY, *Colonial Secretary.*

” ” JAMES M. SPEARMAN, *Collector of the Customs.*

” ” WILLIAM HALY,

” ” JOHN DUNSCOMB,

” ” WILLIAM THOMAS,

” ” JOHN B. BLAND.

At Two of the Clock p. m., His Excellency the Governor being seated on the Throne, the Honorable the Chief Justice commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to inform the Members of the Assembly, that it was His Excellency's pleasure that they do forthwith attend him in this House; who being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

His Excellency comes to the House and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

Parliament convened.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

His Excellency retires.

The Honorable the Chief Justice informed the House that he was in possession of His Excellency's Speech, which was read pro forma by the Clerk, and is as follows:

Speaker delivers a copy of His Excellency's Speech.

*Honorable Gentlemen,
and Gentlemen,*

The Speech.

I have assembled you at this early period to enable you to devote sufficient time to the public business, without injury to your private pursuits.

Our situation is, happily, one of tranquillity; and therefore your deliberations, unoccupied by matters of a temporary nature, may be directed to such as shall conduce to the permanent advantage of the Colony.

The Road Bill, passed in your second Session of the last parliamentary year, though excellent in principle and in much of its detail, nevertheless seems in some degree to fail in its intention, from want of a more efficient and concentrated superintendance. You will determine whether any alteration can be beneficially made in that particular.

Another object of moment is the improvement of the Judicature; and this, for various reasons, becomes daily of greater importance.

It will behove you also, to consider what enactments may be requisite in consequence of the Fishery Act having expired.

Under more prosperous financial circumstances I should have been induced to draw your attention to the support of general Education, which, as highly essential to the best interests of society, well merits your protection; especially as it might be fostered here in a spirit of perfect liberality, unfettered by invidious distinctions of any description.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

My predecessor, when closing the last Session, expressed a hope that he should be able to defray the public charges without having recourse to the Issue of Treasury Notes, until he could meet you again in this place; but I found the remaining funds totally inadequate to the existing claims, and was consequently compelled, almost immediately after assuming the Government, to avail myself of that resource. You will, I am confident, feel, with me, that