

Then Mr. Speaker said that as often as necessity for His Majesty's Service and the good of the Commonwealth shall require, the House of Assembly may have access to the person of His Majesty's Representative in this Province.

Then the Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council said,—

Mr. Speaker,

The Lieutenant Governor commands me to say that the Assembly may always depend on having access to his Person at seasonable hours.

The House being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been in the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to approve the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and that he had in their name, and on their behalf, by humble petition to His Excellency, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, that they may enjoy freedom of speech in their debates and have access to His Excellency's person as occasion may require, and that all their proceedings may receive from His Excellency the most favorable construction; which he said His Excellency had confirmed to them by granting their privileges in as simple a manner as ever they were granted and allowed.

Then Mr. Speaker did again return his humble thanks to the House for the very great Honor they had now done him, and did assure them of a continuance of his fidelity in their service, humbly requesting their protection and assistance to him in the discharge of his great trust, and of their indulgence to him in the pardon of his failings and imperfections in it.

Mr. Speaker further reported that when the House attended His Excellency this day in the Legislative Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of the provincial Parliament, of which, Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows. Videlicet.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council
and

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—

Since the last session of the Legislature of this Province, in pursuance of the authority vested in me by an Act passed therein, respecting the repairing and laying out of Public Highways and building of bridges, I have by proclamation appointed Commissioners, and have taken such other measures as have appeared to me to be the best suited for carrying into effect the provisions of that Act.

I have also, by the authority of the Legislature, appointed Commissioners for the purpose of entering into a Provisional Agreement with those of Lower Canada, respecting the duties and drawbacks on goods and merchandise passing from the one Province to the other. These Commissioners, I have no doubt, have executed the trust committed to their charge by that appointment with fidelity and care. I have ordered the provisional Agreement entered into to be laid before you for the obtaining of the sanction and confirmation of this Legislature.

I embrace this opportunity of congratulating you on the success which hath attended the first efforts of the cultivation of hemp in this Province. The reward with which the Trustees of the Society instituted at London for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce have been pleased to honor the labours of the industrious farmer will, I trust, still further stimulate his exertions and in every laudable pursuit incite this infant Colony to the practice of that industry and diligence which will promote the interests of the individual.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,—