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**THURSDAY, March 4, 1830.**

**A** GREEABLY to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Proclamation, the House met in the Colonial Building.

Message from the Lieutenant Governor, by George Richard Goodman, Esq. Usher of the Black Rod.

"Mr. Speaker,

"His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the attendance of this Honorable House at the Bar of the Council Chamber instanter."

The House accordingly attended in the Council Chamber, and having returned, the Speaker reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to open the Session with a Speech, of which he had obtained a copy. It was again read at the Clerk's Table, and is as follows :

"Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

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

"Since I last met you in Colonial Parliament, the revolution of twelve months has hardly thrown a shade over the general tranquillity which prevails throughout the Country. Our Agriculture, always an object of my constant solicitude, is improving. Convinced that the prosperity of the Colony depends on the importance of its productions, it will at all times afford me satisfaction to aid you in giving every possible protection and encouragement to this essential basis of the public wealth.

"Improvements continue to be made in our internal communications—the old Roads repaired and ameliorated—new lines have been opened and are in progress, which will give the means of access, and facilitate the transit of foreign merchandize and native produce to and from parts of the Island hitherto destitute of these advantages.

"When the Public Accounts come before you, you will observe that the expenditure on Schools is much larger than heretofore—a proof of the anxiety of the great mass of the population to avail themselves of the advantages held forth to them by the School Act. The correct Education and proper instruction of youth, are objects of the first importance in every country; and it is that importance which induces me at this time to call your attention to this interesting subject, and to submit to your consideration the expediency of affording some further controul in the selection and appointment of the Masters and the revision of the Rules and Regulations of the Schools than is provided for by the present Act.

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

"The accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the last year will be laid before you. To such financial arrangements as the exigencies of the Colony may render necessary, it will be your peculiar province to direct your attention; and I have every reliance on your wisdom to suggest and provide for whatever the public service may require.

"Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

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

"Answers have been received from the Colonial Office to your several Addresses of the last Session, on the subject of the Quit Rents, and the supply of Arms to the Militia—copies of these Despatches will be laid before you.

"His Majesty having been graciously pleased to confer on his Roman Catholic subjects of Great Britain and Ireland, the same political rights and privileges which heretofore had been alone enjoyed by his Protestant subjects, I have it in command from His Majesty to call upon you to adopt such legislative measures as will relieve the Roman Catholics of this Colony from the civil disabilities they have laboured under, in common with their brethren of the United Kingdom. A copy of the Despatch on this subject will also be laid before you.

"In other matters requiring legislative interference, I look with confidence on your ready cooperation. Feeling, as I do, a lively interest in the welfare and happiness of all classes of the community, you may rely on my most willing concurrence in, and support of, all such measures as will tend to the accomplishment of these desirable objects."