

“ With respect to yourself, Sir, though His Excellency is sensible that you do not stand in need of such assurance, His Excellency will ever put the most favourable construction on your words and actions.”

Then His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by the following Speech to both Houses :—

“ *Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

“ *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

“ I HAVE gladly availed myself of the first opportunity of meeting you after having recurred to the sense of the People.

“ The Law which prohibits the importation and manufacture of, and traffic in, Intoxicating Liquors, forms a subject for earnest deliberation; and I trust that a measure on this subject, which will be submitted to you without delay by the Government, will receive at your hands the consideration which its importance essentially demands.

“ I do not doubt that your decision on this question, which so deeply affects the Social and Financial interests of the Community, will be satisfactory to the People; and it will afford me the most sincere pleasure to find that the exercise of a power, entrusted to me by the Constitution, has been productive of consequences so beneficial to the Province.

“ You may be well assured that I have no wish but to consult the general welfare, and, by a uniform adherence to the principles of the Constitution, to uphold in their just balance the rights of each Branch of the Legislature, and thus to secure the maintenance of liberty and order.

“ I leave you to your deliberations with the heartfelt prayer that Providence may bless them for the peace and prosperity of the Province.”

Which being ended, the House of Assembly withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable the President reported His Excellency's Speech.

An Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech is moved and seconded; which being read—

ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration to-morrow.

ORDERED, That two hundred copies of the Journals of this House be printed daily.

*Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.*

FRIDAY, 18th July, 1856.

PRESENT :

THE HON.

*Mr. Botsford,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Kinnear,  
Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Hill,*

*Mr. Black, President.*

*Mr. Chandler,  
Mr. Hatch,  
Mr. Minchin,  
Mr. Hazen,  
Mr. Harrison,*

*Mr.*