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AND

## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, 28th November, 1805.

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Thursday, 28th November, 1805.

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**T**HE following Members having assembled agreeably to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Proclamation hereunto annexed, viz.

Mr. Millidge,	Mr. Robie,	Mr. Lovet,	Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Northup,	Mr. Tonge,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Marshall,	Mr. Pool,	Mr. Barfs,	Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Pyke,	Mr. Fulton,	Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oxley,	Mr. Allifon,	Mr. M'Monagle,
Mr. Wilkins,	Mr. Crane,	Mr. Monk,	Mr. Lyon.

The Clerk acquainted the said Members that he had received a letter from the Speaker, dated Halifax, the ninth day of November last, addressed to him; which letter the Clerk, by their direction, read, and is as follows:

“SIR,

“My private affairs requiring my presence in England, and Ireland, after an absence of so many years, I felt under the necessity to apply to the Lieutenant-Governor, for leave of absence, which he has been pleased to grant me, for six months.

I feel great regret, that the time appointed for the meeting of the General Assembly, will put it out of my power to attend my duty on that occasion. The uniform favor that I have experienced from the House of Assembly, during the many years I have belonged to it, flatters me with the hope, that the House will view this temporary absence from duty, on my part, with the same kindness, that it has on all other occasions, excused the various errors and failings, that must have appeared, during the great length of time, which I have filled the high and honorable station, which the partiality of this, as well as former Houses of Assembly, has induced them to place me in. I have taken the liberty through you to announce to the House, my departure from the Province, with his Excellency's permission, and my fixed determination, to return to the Province, and to resume the duties of my station, with the utmost expedition, and I most sincerely hope, that the House, when it considers, that I have never before been absent for a single day from my duty, during the numerous Sessions that I have attended, upwards of two and twenty years, that the House will excuse my absence the present Session, and will select, from amongst the great number of able and experienced Members, which at present belong to it, a proper person to discharge the high office of Speaker until my return. The only consolation I experience for the sincere regret with which I feel the unavoidable necessity of my absence, arises from the conviction, that the House will be able to supply my place, without inconvenience; and I beg you to assure the House, that however I feel the pressure of private concerns, I should not have been absent on this occasion, if I had supposed that any serious inconvenience would have been felt by the House.

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