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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

OF THE

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SESSION, 1863.

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Begun and held at Halifax on Thursday, the twelfth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland on earth the Supreme Head.

Thursday, 12th February, 1863.

The House having been, by several proclamations, prorogued to this day, then to meet for the despatch of business, and being met, House meet.

A message from his Excellency the Governor, by John James Sawyer, Esquire, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod: Message from Governor.

Mr. Speaker,—

His Excellency the Governor commands the immediate attendance of this honorable House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, the House went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, House attend

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, and that his Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read in the House, as follows:—

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Governor's speech

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

1°. While neighbouring States are still disturbed and impoverished by civil war, and large and populous districts of Europe are threatened with destitution, it becomes us reverently to thank Almighty God that we can resume our legislative labors in a country where peace reigns, where capital increases, where the industrious can find employment, and the humblest classes food.