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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

Major-General GEORGE TRACEY SMYTH, Lieutenant-Governor.

FREDERICTON,

TUESDAY the 20th day of January, 1818.

THE General Assembly having been, by several Proclamations, prorogued to this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business; when a sufficient number of Members, to form a House, not attending, adjourned until to-morrow.

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WEDNESDAY, 21st January, 1818.

The House being met pursuant to adjournment---

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, was delivered by *Xenophon Jouett*, Esq. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber,---The House attended accordingly; and being returned, and the *Speaker* having taken the Chair---

Read a first time, a Bill "more effectually to provide for the punishment of Forgery."

Mr. *Speaker* then reported, that the House, in obedience to His Excellency's commands, had been up to the Council Chamber; where His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses, and that, to prevent mistakes, he had procured a copy of the same, which he read to the House, and is as follows :---

"Gentlemen of the Council, and

"Gentlemen of the Assembly,

"The principal objects which, at present, I have to recommend to your deliberation (after the requisite provisions for the ordinary public Services) are, to secure the public credit, and give a due effect to all such grants and appropriations as have been, or may be legally made and enacted; to revise our temporary Acts, with a view to any practicable amendments, and to make perpetual such of them, as experience may have ascertained to be of useful operation.

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