

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## UPPER CANADA.

TUESDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 1839.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Provincial Legislature, at One of the clock P. M.

The House met.

House meets.

### PRESENT:

*The Honourable* JONAS JONES, SPEAKER,

*The Honourable* Mr. CROOKSHANK,

*The Hon. & Rt. Rev. the* LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO,

*The Honourable Messrs.* WELLS,

" " DUNN,

" " ALLAN,

" " ALEXANDER McDONELL,

" " BALDWIN,

" " ADAMSON,

*The Honourable Messrs.* CROOKS,

" " MORRIS,

" " JOHN MACAULAY,

" " SULLIVAN,

" " FERGUSON,

" " RADCLIFFE,

" " JOHN SIMCOE MACAULAY,

" " JOHN McDONALD.

Members present.

At two of the clock P. M. His Excellency the Governor-General having come to the Legislative Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, His Honour, the Speaker of the Legislative Council, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to inform the Assembly, that it was His Excellency's pleasure that they do forthwith attend at the Bar of this House:

His Excellency the Governor General comes to the House and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

Who being come thereto; His Excellency the Governor-General was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

He opens the Session.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

And retires from the House.

Then Prayers were read.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the House, that he was in possession of a copy of His Excellency's Speech, which he read, and it was again read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

Speaker reports a copy of His Excellency's Speech. Same read.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; and,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

In discharge of the duties of Governor-General of British North America, confided to me by our Gracious Sovereign, I have deemed it advisable to take the earliest opportunity of visiting this Province, and of assembling Parliament.

The Speech.

I am commanded by the Queen to assure you of Her Majesty's fixed determination to maintain the connection now subsisting between Her North American possessions and the United Kingdom, and to exercise the high authority with which She has been invested, by the favour of Divine Providence, for the promotion of their happiness, and the security of Her Dominions.

It is with great satisfaction I can inform you, that I have no grounds for apprehending a recurrence of those aggressions upon our frontier which we had lately to deplore, and which affixed an indelible disgrace on their authors.

If, however, unforeseen circumstances should again call for exertion, I know from the past, that in the zeal and loyalty of the people of Upper Canada, and in the protection of the Parent State, we possess ample means of defence, and to those I should confidently appeal.

I earnestly hope, that this state of tranquillity will prove favourable to the consideration of the important matters, to which your attention must be called during the present Session.

It will be my duty to bring under your consideration, at the earliest possible moment, the subject of the Legislative Re-union of this Province with Lower Canada—recommended by Her Majesty to the Imperial Parliament. I shall do so in the full confidence that you will