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ANNO QUARTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

**His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B. and K. C. H.
Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief.**

At Fredericton, in the Province of New Brunswick.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, Wednesday, 20th. January, 1841.

The General Assembly having been by three Proclamations prorogued to this day,
the House met,—

PRESENT.

THE HON.

Mr. Chief Justice Chipman, President.

Mr. Black.

Mr. Shore.

Mr. Baillie.

Mr. Peters.

Mr. Saunders.

Mr. Lee.

Mr. Chandler.

PRAYERS.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House resumed.

At two o'clock His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, and Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province, came to the Council Chamber, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, The Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know: "It is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come, with their Speaker,

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,

“IN addressing you under the circumstances in which we now meet, it appears to me that it will equally consist with my duty as the Queen's Representative and with your wishes as the Representatives of the Loyal Population of New Brunswick, that I should give a due prominence to that topic in which we must at all times feel the deepest interest, but especially at the present moment—I allude to the health of a Sovereign, who, possessing the strongest claims upon our duty and affection on Her own account, has acquired an increased title to our love, in the fulfillment, under the blessing of Divine Providence, of the hopes which the Nation had so ardently cherished:—A Princess has been given to us—the Heir to her Royal Mother's virtues, and to a Throne based upon the imperishable love of Her People.

“Upon this joyful event, and upon Her Majesty's restored health, I offer you my heartfelt congratulations; and I do not doubt your responding to them in a manner alike honorable to yourselves and accordant with the well known sentiments by which the Legislature and People of New Brunswick have ever been distinguished.

“The actual condition of the Province next claims our attention,—and upon this subject I am happy to say, that although some degree of commercial embarrassment has occurred, yet its causes appear to me to be so thoroughly understood, that more