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TUESDAY, January 3d, 1832.

THE House having, by several Proclamations, been prorogued until this day, then to meet for the despatch of business:

And being met—

A Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, by George Richard Goodman, Esq. Usher of the Black Rod.

“Mr. Speaker,

“His Excellency the Lieut. Governor commands the attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber instanter.”

The House accordingly attended,

And being returned—

Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House attended the Lieutenant Governor in the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to deliver a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which he had procured a copy—which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :—

“Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council;

“Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

“You have been convened in General Assembly at a period somewhat earlier than has been usual, in order that the administration of Justice in the Supreme Court of Judicature at the time fixed by Law may not interrupt your Session, to your own inconvenience, and the public detriment.

“As the Representative of a Sovereign whose every thought is directed to the welfare of his people, and whose beneficence is too shining to fail in being an example to all his Subjects, however remote, it becomes alike my duty and my inclination to proffer to you, at this the earliest opportunity, the sincere assurances of my unaffected desire to promote, in all its branches, the prosperity of this fertile Island, and, if possible, the individual happiness of every Member of the community.

“Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

“The Accounts of the past year shall be laid before you, without delay.

“In the execution of the portion of public duty, that, according to the Constitution under which it is our high privilege to live, devolves exclusively on you, due provision has hitherto been made for the good order and respectability of Government. The wisdom which has dictated this course,

will, I doubt not, still continue to influence your deliberations; thus, gradually, but surely, attracting an influx of capital to your shores, by affording, under Providence, security to the progress of industry, and to the accumulation of its fruits.

“Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council;

“Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

“Conscious that without your co-operation, any exertions of mine cannot but be imperfect, I frankly claim from you an unreserved communication on such subjects as to your local experience may seem useful to the Public Service—and believe me, Gentlemen, this confidence shall on my part be reciprocal:

“Enter then on your Legislative functions—With concord and disinterested unity of purpose, provide for the public good, and draw down on yourselves and on your fellow Colonists, the blessings that have ever attended labours so directed.”

Robert Hyndman, Esq. one of the Members for Princetown, appeared at the Bar, and having been led into the body of the House, and introduced to the Speaker, by *Mr. Pope* and *Mr. Green*, two of the Members, took the Oaths and his seat.

Samuel Nelson, Esq. elected a Member for Queen's County, in the room of *Ewen Cameron*, Esq. deceased, appeared at the Bar, and having been led into the body of the House, and introduced to the Speaker, by *Mr. Dalrymple* and *Mr. J. S. Macdonald*, two of the Members, took the Oaths and his seat.

On motion of *Mr. Owen*—Ordered, that *John P. Collins*, Esq. the Colonial Secretary, have notice to attend this House tomorrow, with the Poll Books and Writ of Election for the late Election of a Member to represent King's County in the General Assembly, in the room of *John Macdonald*, Esq. deceased.

On motion of *Mr. Dalrymple*—Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to his Speech.