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OF
THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

THURSDAY, 27th NOVEMBER, 1834.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George :—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows :

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

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

His Majesty having been graciously pleased to appoint me to the Civil Government of this Province, it affords me great pleasure in meeting you in General Assembly.

My most anxious desire in the Administration of my Government is, to conduct it impartially, and upon just and constitutional principles, promoting, to the best of my ability, such measures as are conducive to the general prosperity of the Province, and to the happiness and comfort of the People.

His Excellency's
Speech at opening
of Session

I have been directed to take the earliest opportunity to express the regret which His Majesty has felt that the offers made to the House of Assembly at the commencement of last Session, respecting the surrender of the Revenues belonging to the Crown, had not been more favorably received ; and as the variety of views entertained upon the subject, and the difficulty of adjusting conflicting opinions, appears to forbid the hope of any satisfactory agreement, I have in consequence received His Majesty's commands *not* to repeat the offer of surrendering the Casual and Territorial Revenues in exchange for a permanent Civil List.

No other resource within the Province is available to His Majesty, except the Quit Rents, which are reserved to the Crown in the Grants under which the proprietors of land hold their respective titles ; and although this branch of the Royal Revenue has the advantage of operating very equally upon every part of the Province, is light and moderate in itself, and is so justly apportioned upon the Landholders, according to the number of acres that they possess, yet the collection of it has been deferred for several years, with the hope that some substitute would be provided for it by the Legislature ; but all proposals which have been made for that purpose have failed, and the effect has been to deprive His Majesty, during the period while they remained under discussion, of the Revenues due to the Crown from this source.