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This day at two o'clock, His Excellency the Governor in Chief came down in State to the Legislative Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was sent down to the House of Assembly to command their attendance before His Excellency, and that House being come up, His Excellency opened the fourth Session of the Eleventh Provincial Parliament, with the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

It is painful to me to meet you in each succeeding year with statements of difficulties in our financial affairs, but as they still exist, it is incumbent upon me to bring them before you in the fullest detail; and it is for that especial purpose I have called you to meet at this early period.

Placed as the Executive medium between the Imperial Treasury and this Provincial Parliament, I am to be guided by the decisions of both, in financial matters; and having the satisfaction to know that the course I have pursued in the difficulties of this summer has been approved by His Majesty's Government, it remains for me to submit it to your consideration, in order that Parliament here may adopt such measures as to it shall seem best.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I shall direct the proper officer to lay before you the annual accounts of the Province, to 31st October last, so soon as they can be prepared; also estimates of the probable expences of the Civil Government, for the year now commencing, in the same form as I presented them in last Session, and in His Majesty's name I am to call upon you to make provision accordingly.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

It is with great satisfaction I have to state, that the Revenue continues fully equal to what it has been for several years past, and that I consider the Province essentially prospering, even to a degree far beyond what is generally imagined.

Under existing circumstances it may be unnecessary for me to recommend the improvement of Roads, or the Canal now nearly completed;