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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE
PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO DECIMO SEPTIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

AT HALIFAX, IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Thursday, 26th January, 1854.

The General Assembly having been prorogued to this day, the Council met—

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable **MICHAEL TOBIN**, President.

The Honorable **HUGH BELL**,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable **JOHN E. FAIRBANKS**,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., His Excellency Colonel Sir **JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT**, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c. came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's Command, to let the House of Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with a Speech to both Houses, as follows:

H. E. comes to
Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

We are called upon to resume our Legislative labors, under circumstances which should inspire us with renewed confidence in the Giver of all Good. An industrious People have drawn from a fertile soil, and from a profitable Commerce and Fishery, His bounties in rich abundance, and in peace and health are permitted to enjoy them.

The
Speech.