

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Whereupon the following Gentlemen took the Oaths, and also took and subscribed the Oath of abjuration, pursuant to the Statutes, viz:

The HON. *Thomas Heath Haviland,*
John Brecken,
George Richard Goodman,
William Macintosh,
John Livett,

The HON. *George Dalrymple,*
Samuel Green,
Peter Stewart Macnutt,
John Macgowan.

The Hon. *Donald Macdonald* took and subscribed the Oath appointed to be taken by the Act of the Eleventh year of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, by persons professing the Roman Catholic Religion.

Commissions appointing the Rev. *L. C. Jenkins*, to be Chaplain; *J. P. Collins*, Esq. to be Clerk; *John C. Wright*, Esq. to be Usher of the Black Rod and Serjeant at Arms; *James D. Haszard*, Esq. Queen's Printer, to be Printer; and *John Rider*, to be Messenger to the Legislative Council, were also read.

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod then received His Excellency's command to desire the attendance of the House of Assembly immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House of Assembly, with their Speaker, having attended accordingly, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech:—

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

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

Having by the last packet received Her Majesty's commands to separate and reconstruct the Councils of this Island, it became my duty to terminate the late Session of the General Assembly, and to prorogue it for a short period, in order to carry this arrangement into effect. I have now called you together, trusting that you will, without inconvenience, be able to take up and complete such business as remained unfinished at the recent prorogation, or as the interests of the Colony may require.

During the short interval which has elapsed since the termination of the late Session, I regret to have to inform you that intelligence has reached me of active measures having been taken by the State of Maine, to enforce, by arms, their alleged claim to the territory in dispute between that State and Her Majesty's Province of New Brunswick. This outrage, in defiance of existing treaties, and of the amicable professions of the General Government of the United States towards that of Her Majesty, has created a sensation of general indignation in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; and, although the season of the year precludes the possibility of this Colony rendering any active assistance at the present moment, yet I am sure it will universally respond to the feeling so forcibly expressed by the Council and Assembly of the neighbouring Province of Nova Scotia.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

The Oath of Office was then administered to *J. P. Collins*, Esq. as Clerk of the Legislative Council.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, which being read by the Clerk—