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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, 9th June, 1801.

A MESSAGE from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency commands this House, to attend his Excellency, immediately, in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House, went up to attend his Excellency.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker *reported*, That the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber; where his Excellency was 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 followeth, viz.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council;

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

THE general state of good order and prosperity which has happily prevailed throughout the Province, during the recess of the General Assembly, affords just cause for mutual congratulations, and of humble thankfulness to that divine Providence from whence all good is derived.

I am confident your deliberations during the present Sessions will provide any improvements that may be useful, in which, you will meet with my ready concurrence. In this view it is incumbent on me to communicate the recommendation from his Majesty's Secretary of State, to encourage the growth of Hemp in this Province, both as a profitable produce to the Husbandman and Manufacturer, and also as an article which from various circumstances, is now become of great importance to our Parent State. I have taken measures to collect information on this subject, which shall be communicated to you, and I am persuaded you will afford such liberal and well directed encouragement, as may effectually promote the growth of this valuable plant, for which a great quantity of lands in this Province are peculiarly proper.

It may also be prudent to furnish some further aid toward completing the roads made last year, and to open and render passable some others, which the rapidly extending settlements naturally suggest to your consideration; the great benefits resulting from the assistance granted the last Sessions, and the pleasing progress made in all the public services, for which aids were given, are the best arguments for your continued liberality.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I shall give directions that the public accounts be laid before you: upon their inspection, I am persuaded you will find that the collection of the Revenue has been diligently and faithfully performed, and with such good effect, that I am convinced, at present it does not require any material amendment, and that it will be wise to continue