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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

FREDERICTON, Thursday, February 1, 1844.

This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the Meeting of the Legislature, at two o'clock His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came in the usual State to the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly, when 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,*

"Although the situation of the Province did not require that I should convene you before the usual period of the year, I am not insensible that there are important interests at this time depending on the result of your deliberations.

"The birth of another Princess, since I last met you, has been a source of increased happiness to Her Majesty, and of gratification to Her loyal subjects.

"The general tranquillity now happily prevailing and the relations subsisting between England and the remotest parts of the World, are highly favorable to British enterprise, and I congratulate you on the participation of this Province in the revival of General Commerce.

"The severe pressure to which all classes have been so long subject, although not wholly relieved, has been materially alleviated. The favorable harvest of the last year has given occasion for renewed thankfulness, and will lead the people to regard the pursuits of Agriculture as a primary source of their prosperity.

"Considering the vast extent of the unappropriated Lands of the Crown, I invite your attention to the means of facilitating their Settlement.

"Some Legislative provision is also required for the management of the Indian reserved Lands, constituting some of the most valuable tracts within the Province, and from which a fund may be derived, adequate to meet all the expenses incidental to the present condition of the Indian population.

"Looking to the claims of a new Country to support in those branches of enterprise which are essential to its prosperity, I recommend to you to afford such encouragement as may be practicable to Agriculture, the Fisheries, and to Domestic Manufactures.

"The liberal appropriations you have made for the support of Schools, attest the importance which you justly attach to the Education of the People. As the Act for the support of the Parish Schools will expire in 1845, a careful inspection during the present year of the whole of the Parish Schools throughout the Province, would, with the aid of a Training and Model School, facilitate the adoption of an improved and comprehensive system for their more efficient management.

"The salutary effect of the regulations which were framed in the last year for the Penitentiary at Saint John, of which the Reports will be laid before you, encourage me to recommend that they may be applied so far as may be practicable in the other Provincial Prisons.

"Some alteration is called for in the Laws for the regulation of Savings' Banks, and for the due protection of the funds of the industrious classes deposited in them.

"Her Majesty's Government having consented to the passing of an Act for the Consolidation of the Departments of Revenue, I recommend to you the adoption of such arrangements as will increase the efficiency and diminish the expenses of the local Establishments.

"The Act of the last Session relating to the collection of a reduced Duty on Timber and other Lumber, will, I hope, admit of such alterations as will obviate the objection which has been found to apply to it.

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

"I am gratified in being able to inform you that the Revenue in the last year has materially improved, and from the revival of the Public Credit I anticipate an early relief from the financial difficulties of the Province.

"When the Accounts and Estimates are laid before you, I hope it will appear to you that attention has been given to Public Retrenchment and Economy, and that it will be found practicable, without increasing the public burthens, to afford that support to public undertakings, and especially to the opening of communications which are so essential to the settlement of the Country.

"An important Instruction from Her Majesty's Government, on the subject of Differential Duties in the Colonies, will be laid before you.

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

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

"The settlement of the Boundary between the British Provinces and the United States, by the Treaty of Washington, having renewed the question of the limits of New Brunswick and Canada, a correspondence has ensued with Her Majesty's Government and with the Government of Canada, which, it is hoped, will lead to an early and satisfactory adjustment of the claims of the two Provinces.

"In the correspondence of Her Majesty's Government, which will be laid before you, in reference to the measures of the last Session, you will recognize the desire of the Queen to uphold the principles of the Constitution, and I rely with confidence on your just appreciation of the blessings, which under Providence, it has been the means of conferring on the people, for that support which will enable me to give effect to Her Majesty's gracious intentions for their welfare."

ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN
GEORGE COLEBROOKE, Knight of the Hanoverian Guelphic
Order, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the
Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF HER MAJESTY'S LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council in General Assembly, thank Your Excellency for the Speech you have been pleased to make at the opening of the present Session, and beg to express our warmest participation in the joy which we have no doubt has been felt throughout the British Dominions, at the addition to Her Majesty's happiness in the birth of another Princess.

We join in Your Excellency's congratulations on the prospect held out to us of the revival of Commerce in this Province, arising from the happy state of the subsisting relations between England and the other Nations of the World, which we fully concur with Your Excellency, in believing, must afford great encouragement to British enterprise.

We are glad to perceive that all classes are in some degree relieved from the severe pressure they have been subject to for some time past; and we are deeply sensible of the blessing bestowed upon us by Divine Providence in the favorable Harvest of the past year, which we trust will have the effect of impressing upon the minds of the people a higher sense of the great importance of turning