

Legislative Council Chamber,

FREDERICTON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1851.

This day 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, who being come, His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following

S P E E C H :

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

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

" I thank you for the exertions which you made during the present Session for the Public welfare. I trust that your measures in aid of the construction of Railways may be successful in promoting these important undertakings.

" You have no doubt judged wisely in postponing the Bill for the regulation of Common Schools until the next Session. The subject is too important to be dealt with hastily, and you will thus have full time for consideration of the details.

" I rejoice sincerely to find that the first step has been made towards the general introduction of Municipal Institutions throughout the Province.

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

" I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted for the Public Service. I trust that the Revenue Act, being passed for four years, will be satisfactory to the Mercantile part of the Community. It shall be my business to take care that the Public Funds are applied in conformity with your wishes.

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

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

" Your labours have kept you at the Seat of Government beyond the usual date. I hope that the occupations which await you at home may not be interfered with by this detention, and that Providence may again bless the labours of our Farmers with an abundant return."