

Legislative Council Chamber,

FREDERICTON, TUESDAY, 3rd MAY, 1853.

THIS day at three 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 SPEECH:—

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

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

“ I ACKNOWLEDGE with thanks the attention which you have given to the business of the Session.

“ There is reason to hope that the blessing of Providence may again reward our Husbandmen, our Fishermen, and our Merchants.

“ The success of all these interests depends on the skill and industry of the individuals engaged in them, far more than on any aid from positive legislation.

“ I conceive, therefore, that the postponement of several important measures to another Session will not necessarily impede the general prosperity of the Country.

“ You have passed Acts, however, of some importance to Commerce, by amending the Law relating to Merchant Seamen, by regulating our Weights and Measures, and by facilitating the issue of Patents and the improvement of our Postal connection with Great Britain.

“ The Address on the subject of the Fisheries and Trade with the United States has been transmitted by me to His Grace the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and I doubt not that the loyal sentiments of Her Majesty's Subjects here will be fully appreciated by our Gracious Sovereign.

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

“ I thank you for the Supplies which you have given for the Public Service; it shall be my care to see that the sums thus granted are expended in conformity with your wishes, so far at least as the imperfect organization of certain Public Departments will allow.

“ I regret very deeply that there is no one political Officer whose attention is especially given to our Finances. I regret too the total want of Executive machinery for properly controlling the expenditure on the Roads.

“ The creation of such offices however involves arrangements which require your sanction as Representatives of the People, and as that sanction has not been given, the administration of these matters must remain in its present state.

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

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

“ I cannot allow this Session to terminate without expressing some fear that inconvenience will arise hereafter in this Colony, from the increasing tendency to private legislation; any such inconvenience will be more felt in proportion as we look forward to the investment within our limits of foreign capital.

“ The season is fast approaching when money and labour will be expended on our projected Railways, and when fresh Surveys will probably be pushed through our Forests. I hope at the next meeting of the Legislature, to congratulate the People of New Brunswick on the progress actually made in these undertakings.

“ I now release you from your public labours with my hearty good wishes for the success of your own pursuits, and with an earnest prayer for the general welfare of the Province.”