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Mess^{rs} Hanson & Matthews from the Lower House acquaint his Excellency their House hath made Choice of a Speaker

Edmund Jenings Esq^r and Col Hammond are sent to the Lower House to inform them His Excellency requires their Attendance in the Upper House to present their Speaker for his Approbation

The whole House attend and present Philip Hammond Esq^r as their Speaker with which Choice his Excellency declares himself well pleased whereupon his Excellency makes the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

I proposed to have deferred calling you together for some time in hopes of an Opportunity of laying before you an Answer from Our Lord Proprietor to the Address of the Lower House Ordered to be
p. 2 presented to him at Our last Meeting, but His Lordship having been pleased to acquaint me, by the last Letter I have received from him, that he had not heard any thing of the said Address, I was loath to pass over the usual time of Our Meeting in Assembly, being very well satisfied, that the true Interest of the Province can never be pursued but by a good Agreement between the several Parts of the Legislature, which I shall always endeavour to cultivate as much as lies in my Power, by frequently calling you together, and making all such reasonable Compliances with Your Desires, as are consistent with the Trust reposed in me by his Majesty, and the Lord Proprietor

And I must earnestly recommend Temper and Moderation on Your Parts, that all Heats and Animositities may be avoided as much as possible: This is necessary to judge rightly in the most trivial Affairs of Life, and much more so in those of Weight, and Moment under Our Consideration in a Legislative Capacity; the making of Laws, for the real Advantage of those who are to be bound by them, being a Task not easily to be performed, even by Men of the very best Understandings, without a reasonable Degree of Thought and Attention

If We have the Misfortune to differ in Opinion upon any Point, it is cool and temperate Reason only that can bring us to a right Understanding, and indeed with This I cannot well conceive how any of Our Differences should prove irreconcilable, for the Interest of the Proprietor depends so plainly and evidently upon the Prosperity of the Province, that it is impossible for any Man of Understanding to imagine him not to have it sincerely at heart; On the other hand, as the Safety of the People, and the Security of their Property are owing to the Protection of the Govern^t it is certainly their Interest, as well as Duty, to give it a reasonable and proper Support; And I hope that the Duties appropriated to this Use, and to the purchasing of Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of the Province, will be