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THURSDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1842.

Several other measures of great importance, as essentially affecting the internal Administration of the Province, will be offered for your approval.

In endeavouring by every means in my power to ascertain what practical improvements are most wanted, and in urging those improvements on the Legislature, I have but done my duty to the Queen and to the Colony. Your task remains yet to be performed: from you, the Country will expect a scrutinizing and candid examination of the measures propounded, and the Provincial Government, aware that it is as much your duty as it is your right, to weigh all propositions bearing on the public interests, while it offers for your consideration, plans deemed, after mature deliberation, to be of such a nature that your adoption of them would lead to the best results, frankly invites investigation, and courts your assistance as well to discover and reject that which is inexpedient, as to perfect, and bring into operation, whatever shall appear likely to contribute to the general welfare.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

H. A. withdraw
H. E. retires

PRAYERS.

A Bill for improving the Administration of Criminal Justice, was read a first time.

Bill pro forma read

The President reported His Excellency's Speech; and the same being read by the Clerk,

H. E.'s Speech reported

Mr. Morton moved that the following Address be presented to His Excellency, in answer to his Speech:

Address in answer

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of
Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over
Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

The Address of the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have opened the present Session of the General Assembly, and we beg to express our acknowledgments to Your Excellency for consulting the wishes and convenience of the Legislature in regard to the time of its meeting.

Address

The Loyal Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia have shared in the general joy produced by the birth of an Heir to the British Throne: an event so calculated to promote the domestic happiness of Her Majesty cannot but be most gratifying to all her subjects. It is the sincere and most fervent prayer of the Legislative Council, that this Prince, instructed by his Illustrious Mother, and guided by Her example, may be imbued with all great qualities necessary to the prosperity and happiness of an Empire: and that if, mature in age and wisdom, it is the will of Heaven, that he shall succeed to Her, he may assume the Government of that Great Country, encompassed by the noblest safeguards of a Throne—the affections of a virtuous and free people.

It is satisfactory to us to be informed that the public expenditures have been continued, and that all Provincial engagements, up to this period, have been discharged notwithstanding a slight diminution of the Revenue. And we are glad to learn that the Fisheries have been productive as in former years, and that the measures adopted for their protection have contributed to their success.

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