

3d & 5th January, 1833.

SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, KNIGHT, *Governor.*

Council and Serjeant at Arms, in the same Individual, to His Excellency the Governor, and was authorized by His Excellency to inform the Members of the Council, that in pursuance of that resolution he has been pleased to give an appointment of Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council to Christopher Ayre, Esquire.

The Commission appointing Mr. Ayre Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council was accordingly produced, and the Oath of Office at the same time administered to him.

C. Ayre, Esq. appointed Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council.

The Honorable Mr. Simms and the Honorable Mr. Crowdy then laid before the Council the following Draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor, in answer to His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the present Session of the Colonial Parliament, which was read, approved of, and unanimously adopted.

*To His Excellency SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

Council's Address to His Excellency, in reply to his Speech at the opening of the Colonial Parliament.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of His Majesty's Council, in Council assembled, beg leave to return your Excellency our humble and unanimous thanks for your Excellency's most gracious Speech on the opening of the first Session of the Colonial Parliament.

We gratefully acknowledge the congratulations of your Excellency on the important event of the Establishment of a Local Legislature in this Colony; and we sincerely concur in the anxious wish expressed by your Excellency, that the Privileges which His Majesty has thereby been graciously pleased to confer on his loyal subjects within your Excellency's Government, may be attended by every blessing which a virtuous and free people can hope for or desire.

We most cordially participate in the feelings of satisfaction expressed by your Excellency in contemplating the harmony and good will which have been maintained during the course of the recent Elections, and which we assure your Excellency we shall anxiously endeavour to cultivate and preserve.

We assure your Excellency that we are sensibly alive to the important and onerous duties which must devolve upon us in a Colony subsisting under such circumstances as those depicted by your Excellency; involving not alone the revision of its now existing Laws, but the construction and enactment of an almost general code.

We thank your Excellency for the expression of your intention to lay before us a short account of the different Institutions connected with the Colony, which we assure your Excellency will command and receive our earliest and most earnest consideration.

While we express our grateful sense of your Excellency's assurance, that your Excellency will never consider your time so well occupied as in facilitating our labours, and that your Excellency will most cordially unite with us in the promotion of every measure that may be conducive to the improvement and prosperity of this Island, permit us most humbly to assure your Excellency that, in every measure that can conduce to such objects, your Excellency may rely upon our firm, zealous, and faithful support.

It was afterwards resolved that a Copy of this Address should be conveyed in the course of To-morrow by Mr. Crowdy, to His Excellency, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a time and place for the Council to present the same.

The Council adjourned until half past one p. m. on Saturday.

SATURDAY, 5th JANUARY, 1833.

Present,

*His Honor* RICHARD ALEXANDER TUCKER, Esquire, *President.*

*The Honorable* COLONEL SALL, *Commandant.*

„ „ JAMES SIMMS, Esquire, *Attorney General.*

„ „ JAMES CROWDY, Esquire, *Colonial Secretary.*

„ „ ARTHUR HOLDSWORTH BROOKING, Esquire, *Collector of His Majesty's Customs.*

„ „ WILLIAM HALY, Esquire.