

It affords us the greatest satisfaction to be enabled to meet your Excellency in the Building we at present occupy ; and we shall consider it a proud feature in its History, that it was opened for the reception of the Legislature, under the administration of a Nobleman of your Excellency's distinguished rank ; the grateful remembrance of whose paternal care of the People of Nova-Scotia, will, we trust, continue, with the Edifice, to the latest posterity.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be laid before us : they will receive our immediate attention.

We regret that the diminution in the Receipt of the Revenue for the last year, has been such as to require a further issue of Provincial Notes, to carry into effect the appropriations of the last Session. We have however, under existing circumstances, reason to believe, that the emission of Notes, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, has been attended with beneficial effects to the Public.

We have great pleasure in learning the Revenue of the Province has been increasing by the revival of Commerce ; and we assure your Excellency, that the state of the Revenue, and the suggestions of your Excellency, as to the expediency of still further augmenting it, will receive our early and serious consideration.

We have much pride and satisfaction in the declaration made by your Excellency, that this happy Country is yet ignorant of the influence of party or faction. For this happiness we are sensible that we are not only indebted to the protecting power of the British Crown, but, more especially, to the upright, mild and impartial, manner in which our Colonial Government has been for many years past administered : and we have no hesitation in assuring your Excellency, that, as long as the principles of Government are so entirely directed to the welfare and happiness of our Country, there will ever be found in this Province corresponding sentiments of loyalty and affection to our Parent State. We are fully sensible of the important trust reposed in us by our Constituents, and united as we are by connexions and interest to the Country, it shall ever be our constant endeavour to expedite the public service, and to promote the general welfare of the Province.

Impressed with these sentiments and feelings, and with a conviction that the prosperity and happiness of this Colony have been the objects of unceasing care and attention to your Excellency, and that the public interests have been essentially promoted under your Excellency's Administration, we beg leave to express our fervent wish, that the favour of our Sovereign, and the inclination of your Excellency, may long continue to afford us the happiness of having your Excellency to preside over us.

*Resolved,* That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by the whole House.

*Ordered,* That the committee who prepared the Address to His Excellency be a committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by this House.

A Petition of John F. Hughes, was presented by Mr. James, and read, setting forth :— That, at the late Election of a Person to represent the Township of Digby in the General Assembly of this Province, the Petitioner was a Candidate, together with the present sitting Member, William H. Roach, Esq. That the Poll for the said Election was opened on Monday, the thirteenth day of July last, and continued open until twelve o'clock at night of Saturday, the eighteenth of the same month. That, during the time the Poll was so kept open, twenty-two votes, given for the said William H. Roach, were objected to, and marked, by the Petitioners, as invalid and illegal ; and when, at the close of the Poll, the Sheriff, upon enumerating the votes received, declared that one hundred and twenty-three votes had been received for the Petitioner, and one hundred and twenty-four votes for the said William H. Roach, whereby there appeared for the said William H. Roach a majority of one vote, the Petitioner demanded a Scrutiny by the said Sheriff as by Law is provided. That, upon the said scrutiny, divers of the said twenty-two votes, received for the said William H. Roach, and so objected to by the Petitioner, proved absolutely void and illegal, as, by the return of the proceedings of the said Sheriff at the scrutiny, will at large appear : so that in truth a large