

ADDRESS of LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL to his Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir *John Harvey*, Knight, Commander of the most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c. NOVA SCOTIA.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the General Assembly.

We shall receive with interest the despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, explanatory of his views of the principles affecting the Government of this province, and will give to it the consideration which the influence it may exert upon the future prosperity and happiness of the people of this province demand from us.

We learn with much satisfaction that the exploration of a line of railroad between Halifax and Quebec has been finished, and that no insurmountable difficulties oppose themselves to its accomplishment. This great work will have such an important influence upon the development of the vast resources of the British North American Colonies, that we shall be most desirous of lending our aid to the perfecting of such measures as will lead to its completion, having due regard to all the varied interests and wants of this province.

The subject of the surrender of the Crown estate to the control and management of the local Legislature, in exchange for a Civil List, will be considered by us with every disposition to bring to a just and proper determination a negotiation for so many years pending between the Imperial Government and this province, mindful alike of the rights of the Crown and the advantage of the colony.

We shall be happy to receive any communication on the subject of the Post-office department, whenever your Excellency may be able to lay it before us, and to bestow upon it that consideration which a subject so connected with the convenience and the social and intellectual advancement of the people claims.

We learn with deep regret that the crops have been again deficient, but trust to that merciful Providence which has saved us from the severity of the sufferings that have been felt around us to protect this colony from the miseries and horrors of famine; and, while we humbly indulge this hope, we join in thankfulness for the successful result of the labours of our fishermen; nor can we fail to rejoice that the revenue of the country has sustained no diminution.

It will be alike our duty and our happiness cordially to co-operate in every measure calculated to advance the welfare of the province, and the true interests of its inhabitants.

#### *Reply.*

Mr. President, My Lord, and Honourable Gentlemen:

IN Her Majesty's name I tender you my thanks for this loyal and dutiful address, and beg to assure you that the prompt and satisfactory manner in which the Legislative Council has responded to the observations which I deemed it to consist with my duty to address to the General Assembly on the occasion of opening its present Session, is most gratifying to my feelings.

(signed) *J. Harvey.*

Government House, 24 January 1848.

ADDRESS of HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY to his Excellency Lieutenant-general Sir *John Harvey*, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, the representatives of the people of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the speech with which you have been pleased to open this first Session of the 19th General Assembly of this ancient and loyal colony.

We shall receive the despatch your Excellency has promised to lay before us from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the colonies, explanatory of his Lordship's views of the principles affecting the administration of colonial government, as applicable to this province in some important particulars, with that respect, and give to it that consideration which are due to the opinions of Her Majesty's Government on a subject calculated to exercise a powerful influence over the future prosperity of Nova Scotia.

It is highly gratifying to us to learn that a good and practicable line for the projected railroad between this port and Quebec has been ascertained by the officers to whom that exploration was confided; and we shall be prepared to make provision for the payment of the proportion, which this province ought to contribute, of the expenses that have attended that exploration. We thank your Excellency for the offer of your aid in forwarding such measures as may be proper, consistently with the various wants and interests of the province, for promoting so great a national undertaking.

The question of the surrender of the Crown estate in Nova Scotia to the control and management