

I have the permission of Her Majesty to submit to you a proposition for the surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown, in exchange for a permanent Civil List; and I trust that you will, on mature deliberation, deem that the terms on which I recommend that this exchange should be effected, are adapted to the present financial position of the Country.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

For nearly four years my best energies have been devoted to the advancement of the interests and happiness of this Province, and being satisfied that a Government composed of individuals of one political party only would be ill suited to its actual condition, I have ever distinctly avowed my reluctance to form such a Council, and my earnest desire and intention to administer the affairs of the Colony with the advice of a Board at which all interests should be represented. This desire and intention I still retain. By the aid of a Council thus constituted the just claims of all classes may be urged on the attention of the Representative of the Sovereign: Whereas a Party Government would expose the Lieutenant Governor, who must unavoidably be often ignorant of local relations, to the great danger of being made an instrument of oppression to some portions of the community for the aggrandizement of others, however much his own inclination might lead him, as his interest always *must*, to promote the general welfare without preference or distinction.

Well assured of the love that the people of Nova-Scotia bear to the person of our Gracious Queen, and of their attachment to the connexion which binds them to the Mother Country, I am convinced that, so long as I adhere to the principles from which I have never departed, of firmly resisting any invasion of the Royal Prerogative, while I use the powers which that Prerogative confers, justly and impartially for the benefit of all Her Majesty's subjects, I shall deserve and secure their approbation and affection, and that both will be made manifest by the cordial and efficient support I shall receive from you as the Representatives of their opinions.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after. H. A. withdraw
H. E. retires

A Bill, entitled, An Act to improve 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, Speech reported
Mr. Morton moved that the following Address be presented to His Excellency, in answer Address moved
to his Speech :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE Address

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.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Legislative Council humbly thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the General Assembly.

We shall be happy to aid Your Excellency in conducting the public business, and to every measure which Your Excellency shall submit to us, we shall give our best attention:
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