

The Hon Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the said Address, paragraph by paragraph, and had adopted the same without any amendment.

Address reported.

And the said Address was then read throughout and is as follows :

Address read.

*To His Excellency Major-General Sir John Harvey, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Members of the General Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, desire to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which Your Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

We cordially reciprocate the congratulations which Your Excellency has been pleased to offer us upon the peaceful and prosperous state of the colony, and the flourishing condition of its finances ; and it is a source of sincere satisfaction to us to find by the experience of the last year that our expectations, as to the beneficial operation of the existing tariff of duties, have been realized.

We heartily rejoice to learn from Your Excellency that benefit to the colony and satisfaction to its inhabitants, have resulted from the expenditure of the money appropriated for the purpose of Road-making, and we shall apply our best attention to the consideration of those means by which the lines of Roads now incomplete may be finished, having due regard to the other exigencies of the public service. We thank Your Excellency for the promise of laying before us the accounts of the expenditure under this head.

We concur with Your Excellency in the opinion that to the increase and improvement of our Roads is mainly to be attributed the enhanced value which waste lands in this colony have attained ; and we shall direct our respectful attention to the suggestions of the Right Hon. the Secretary of State with reference to the amendments proposed to be made in the Land Bill passed during the last session. We trust that the increased tendency to agricultural pursuits in this ancient dependency of Great Britain, will promote the comfort and happiness of its inhabitants without interfering with the paramount interests of its trade and fisheries.

The claims of the Agricultural Society to a continuance of our encouragement and support shall receive due consideration at our hands.