

Your Excellency's character had preceded your arrival amongst us, and in your appointment to the Chief Command in the Province, we feel, and with gratitude acknowledge, His Majesty's paternal regard and watchfulness over our interests. The qualities that Fame assigns to your Excellency, assure us that we may expect, under your Excellency's Government, an Administration distinguished by impartiality and talent.

We concur with your Excellency in the expediency of the present early call of the Legislature, and we sincerely hope that the gracious and benevolent designs of His Majesty, in the re-annexation of the Island of Cape-Breton to this Government, will be realized in the mutual welfare and prosperity, as well as augmented resources, of both these portions of His Majesty's North-American Dominions.

We thank your Excellency for the information you have afforded us, of having caused Writs to be issued for the Election of Members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, as Representatives for the Island of Cape-Breton, and beg leave to assure you that we will give our immediate consideration to the adoption of such measures, as may best suit the local polity of that Island, and secure to its Inhabitants a participation in the blessings and advantages enjoyed by the People of this Province.

We regret the commercial depression experienced throughout the world, and the declining state of our Colonial Trade; but we have great reason to acknowledge the goodness of the ALMIGHTY, in the abundant harvest of the present year, and the plenty which every where prevails.

It is with infinite satisfaction we witness the increasing spirit for improvement in Agriculture, manifested by the Inhabitants of the Country, which, under the blessing of Heaven, cannot fail to afford us comfort and independence. We sincerely hope, that the Provincial Agricultural Institution, formed under the Administration of your Noble Predecessor, will, by the wise direction and fostering care of your Excellency, continue to promote and extend a zeal for agricultural pursuits; and it will afford us satisfaction to make such provision for its support, as may be consistent with the means and situation of the Colony.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be made up at the end of the year, and to be laid before us with the Estimates of the Civil Establishment for the ensuing year, and we shall carefully apply the resources of the Country for the support of His Majesty's Government, and such other purposes as may appear most conducive to the best interests of the Province.

We lament the distress occasioned by the destructive Fire in the Western part of this Province, and while we convey to your Excellency our warmest gratitude and thanks for the speedy and benevolent relief afforded by your Excellency to the unfortunate sufferers, we beg leave to assure you, that we will most cheerfully provide for the expenses incidental to so extensive a calamity.

We are fully sensible of the earnest desire of your Excellency to promote the best interests of the Province, and strictly and impartially to administer the Government; and we rely, with perfect confidence, on your Excellency's assistance and co-operation in every measure tending to the public welfare.

While we assure your Excellency that we will readily assist your endeavour, with such information as our knowledge of the Country may enable us to afford, it will be our earnest desire to promote and establish a mutual confidence between your Excellency and this Branch of the Legislature, and to continue that unanimity and harmony which so happily prevail in the General Assembly of this Province: the Inhabitants of which have ever been conspicuous for their affectionate attachment, and steady loyalty, to His Majesty's Person and Government.

*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 the Lieutenant-Governor, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know his pleasure when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House: that the Committee had, pursuant to order, waited on His Excellency accordingly, and that His Excellency was pleased to appoint this day, at three of the clock, at the Government House.

Mr. Speaker, and the House, attended His Excellency with their Address, pursuant to the Resolution of this Day.

And being returned,

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