

Although the last Harvest was not very productive, I trust that no serious evil will be experienced from that circumstance. To some of the newly arrived Settlers in Cape-Breton, who were represented to me as likely to suffer extreme distress, owing to the failure of the Potatoe Crop, I have already felt it my duty to send some assistance, and should these Poor People be found to require further relief, the proofs which you have uniformly given of your humanity, assure me that their wants will be cheerfully supplied.

Governor's Speech

The past Season, I regret to find, has been rather unfavorable to our Fisheries, but a steady and progressive improvement has taken place in every other branch of our Trade and Commerce.

I have great satisfaction in acquainting you that the Revenute is increasing; the Receipts of the last year were sufficient to meet all the demands upon the Treasury, and every just claim against the Government has, I believe, been discharged.

I feel it my duty, however, to advise a judicious and economical application of our means; and the surest way of accomplishing this is to keep our expenditure within our income.

I continue to receive from the Inspecting Field Officers very satisfactory Reports of the Militia; the regularity and good order of many of the Battalions are deserving of great praise.

Among the numerous matters of local interest which demand your notice, the improvement of our present defective system of appropriating and expending the Road Money seems to me to have a peculiar claim on your attention, and I should be neglectful of my duty, were I not to recommend that subject to your best consideration.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

I shall direct the Public Accounts to be laid before You, and I trust that you will find that your grants to His Majesty have been faithfully applied.

I shall also direct the Estimate for the present year to be submitted to you, with a full persuasion that the Supplies necessary for the support of His Majesty's Government will be provided with your usual liberality.

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

No Country, perhaps, has more reason than Nova-Scotia to be thankful to a Bountiful Providence for the manifold blessings which it enjoys. Our Laws are duly and impartially administered—Crime is of rare occurrence among us—the pressure of taxation is light, and a wide scope is afforded for the industry of our People; and it is most gratifying to me to have these and many other good grounds for the belief I firmly entertain that this Province, under a wise and steady Legislation, must rapidly advance in prosperity. To you, Gentlemen, is entrusted the task of calling forth its resources, and I confidently hope that, in discharging the important duties which have devolved on you, the calmness of your deliberations, and the soundness of your decisions, may satisfy the expectations of an intelligent and loyal People; and that the harmony which has so long marked the Legislative proceedings of this Province may continue to distinguish them.

On my part, Gentlemen, you will find the most anxious desire to co-operate with you in such measures as may promote the happiness and welfare of His Majesty's Subjects in this part of His North American Dominions.

The House then proceeded to the choice of Officers; and thereupon,

Choice of Officers

*Resolved*, That John Whidden, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Representatives in General Assembly, be re-sworn to the said Office, and he took the usual Oath accordingly.

Clerk re-sworn

*Resolved*, That James Finlayson Gray, Esquire, be the Assistant Clerk of the House, and he took the Oath of Office accordingly.

Assistant Clerk

Mr. Rudolf moved as follows:

Motion for Chaplain

*Resolved*, That the Reverend Robert Fitzgerald Uniacke be the Chaplain to this House; which being seconded,

Mr. Howe moved, as an amendment of the question, to leave out all the words of the proposed

Amendment