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subject of legitimate congratulation to you and to the Colony, on the part of the Representative of a Sovereign, whose only desire is to promote the prosperity, the happiness and contentment of all classes of Her loyal subjects.

A Bill has been prepared, and will be laid before you by the proper Officer of the Government, by which it is proposed, on the part of the Sovereign, that the whole of the net proceeds of the Crown Estate in this Island should be surrendered to the Colony, in exchange for a permanent provision secured upon its general Revenues for the charges which are now defrayed from that fund, of which, however, the management and collection will continue to be vested in the Local Government, while the estate itself may, it is confidently believed, be greatly raised in value by judicious outlay in the survey and applotment of Waste Lands, the construction of Roads, Bridges and other improvements calculated to promote Agricultural Settlement, of which the benefit will be derived solely by the Colony, not only as regards increase of Revenue, but of a most valuable description of population to which this Island may confidently look to render it at no remote period in a great measure independent of the surrounding Provinces and Countries in respect to Agricultural Produce, every description of which it is well known by industry and due encouragement—and it is already in possession of the principal one, viz, an excellent and never failing market—may be successfully raised in Newfoundland.

I will advert to the subject of "Education" merely for the purpose of suggesting, with a view to render the operation of the Bill passed by you during the last Session for the regulation of District Schools, more satisfactory and effective, that provision be made in that Bill for a second Inspector—an addition which would, as appears to me, be in entire accordance with the principle upon which the measure itself is based.

I renew to you the invitation which I made to you at the opening of the last Session to take into your consideration the state of the Laws affecting that most important class of the Queen's subjects in this Island, its Fishermen; and I shall be happy to concur with you in any Legislative measure by which their interests can be promoted, consistently with a due regard to those of their employers.

The improvement of the comfort, convenience, and security of the property of the Inhabitants of the Provincial Capital, will also I trust, engage a due share of your attention, and in particular the means of ensuring an abundant supply of pure water at all seasons of the year, for which such remarkable natural facilities exist—and in addition to the objects adverted to in the memorandum communicated to you by my directions during the last Session, I would suggest a revision of the Act for the suppression and prevention of the extension of Fires, with a view to conferring enlarged powers upon the "Fire Wardens," without which this object of such paramount importance to a city built chiefly of wood, cannot, in my opinion, be effectually secured.

Upon the prospect of an early extension to this Island of the great advantages of Steam Communication with the Mother Country and the neighbouring Continent, I likewise offer you my congratulations, as also upon the completion of the very valuable and important Light lately established, and now in brilliant operation at Cape Bonavista.

There is yet another subject to which it appears to me to be proper that I should call your attention. I refer to the establishment of one or more small Co-