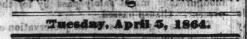
TETWEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST.



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR.

At two o'clock on Friday afternoon, the Hon. Chief Justice Cameron, Hon. Attorney General Cary, Hon. Colonial Treasurer Watson, and Hon. Roderick Finlayson, waited on His Excellency Governor Kennedy, and presented the following Address from the Legislative Council :--

To His Excellency Arthur Edward Kennedy, Es-quire, C.B., Gevernor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Vancouver Island,

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY .-

sembled, desire to congratulate your Excel-lency upon assuming the government of this

We humbly trust that the dignity and the We numbly trust that the dignity and the virtues of our most Gracious Sovereign, as reflected in your person, may strengthen and stimulate feelings of attachment in the people of Vancouver Island, so that the demonstra-tions of loyalty upon Your Excellency's ad-went, may continue unabated throughout your Excellency's administration; and we feel as-t

much for their Address, and for the expressions of loyalty which it contained towards the Colony, than the cordial unanimity and their most gracious Sovereign and himself. co-operation of all the branches of the Legis-They might depend upon it that it would not lature. They might be certain that he would be from any want of inclination or desire if not, on any account whatever, attempt to he did not fulfil all that which they expected trench on any of their legitimate rights or from him in their address. In assuming the privileges, but, on the contrary, do all in his governorship of this Colony, His Excellency power to preserve them intact. Whatever said he was fully alive to the impossibility of decisions they arrived at in their legislative said he was fully alive to the impossibility of oarrying on the public government by means of a party, nothing was more desirable, or more easy of being carried out than this in older and more populous countries, but here there should be but one party —the party of the public. He would impress on the Legis-lative Council that nothing was so impertant as perfect manimize. He was aware that as perfect unanimity. He was aware that the members then withdrew. the Upper and Lower House. The peculiar province of the Council was to regulate and advise the Legislative Council would afford him

their assistance in the government of the co-dony. The last thing he would ever think of would be to interfere in the slightest possible degree with either the Council or Assembly, or to influence their preceedings in any way. If his advice or opinion could be of any use or value, he would always be ready to render it, but unless asked be ready to render it, but unless asked to do so, he would

The deputation were then about to take their leave, when his Excellency said he His Excellency, and the Rev. Mr. Hall then read the following address :--To His Excellency, Arthur Edward Kennedy, C. E., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Vancouver Island and its de-pendencies, letc. open to the public, but he, understeed that formerly the Ceuncil had sat with closed doors. (Oh no ! from the gentlemen of the deputation.) His Excellency—L have under-atood that this has formerly been the case. As representatives of the First Presbyterian The honorable Chief Justice said that for Church of Vancouver Island, we desire to erly the Legislative and Executive Conn- approach your Excellency with feelings of merly the Legislative and Executive Coun-eils were combined, and that it was not al-ways desirable that the public should be admitted. If any one however, had made a direct application to be admitted, it would have been allowed immediately. The Council had formerly met in a small recom in the Government buildings, but as soon as they had removed to the Court House, they had full facilities for throwing open their doors to the nublic. Ris Excellency asked if the Council had a which we welcome your Excellency. His Excellency asked if the Council had a elerk, and on being answered in the affirma-tive, said he would feel obliged if the Council would, for his own private information, supply to his secretary a copy of the minutes of their proceedings. The records of the Council, said His Excellency, could not be too accur-ately kept; sithough the proceedings might be very simple and easily understood by these who took part in them, it was very necessary, in order to render them intelligible to those who' came after us, to have them carefully taken down. His Excellency remarked that he understood the Council had had a rather lengthy session: he understood the Council had had a rather lengthy session: The Chief Justice, after assenting, said that he would shortly have to ask a commission from His Excellency, to effect a general gaol delivery, as the gaol was so full that they had not room for the prisoners. had not room for the prisoners. His Excellency asked what modes of pun-ishment were adopted whether anything more than imprisonment? more than imprisonment? Atty.Gen. Cary-Yes; Death! His Excellency (smiling)-Of Atty. Gen. Cary Yes; Death. His Excellency (smiling)—Of course I know, but I don't mean that; I suppose, how-ever, you are more sparing of the rope than your neighbors on the other side of the Sound? Mr. Sound? Atty.-Gen. Cary-Yes, your Excellency, we are obliged to be so; it is almost impossible and he trusted they would continue to afford to convict a white man in this colony; out of him their countenance and approbation: He nineteen cases I have had, as Attorney General, seventeen of them got off ! His Excellency alluded to D'Ewes, the de-faulting postmaster, and remarked that he had escaped the punishment of his crimes by had escaped the punishment of his crimes by committing suicide.
Atty-Gen. Cary-Oh no! your Excellency, ha has since turned up all right in Spain!
His Excellency-Indesd! it is understood in the Colonial Office that he has really committed suicide.
Atty-Gen.—So we were informed here, but we have since learned that that is not the case.
The deputation here took their leave.
ADDRESS FROM THE LEGISLA.
TIVE ASSEMBLY TO THE LEGISLA.
BUILD ASSEMBLY TO THE COLORIDATION. congregation being composed of members from all the various Presbyterian denomina-Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the full strength of the Legislative Assembly, headed tions. His Excellency again adverted to by the Honorable Speaker, proceeded from the House to the Government offices, and laid before His Freellower (1997) and laid the advantages of a complete anion, instanc-ing the bad effects of sectarianism, as illus-trated in the colony of Sierre Leone, of before His Excellency the following address : which he had been governor, where the three religious bodies - Episcopalians, Pres-

Tuesday. April 5, 1864. nedy. Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Comman-der in-Chief of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its dependencies, &c., &c.

Island and its dependencies, &c., &c. We Her Majesty's loyal and faithful sub-jects, the members of the Legislative Assem-bly of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its dependencies, beg to offer to your Excel-lency our respectful congratulations upon the occasion of your assuming the functions of Governer of this Colony. As it is our duty, so it will be on all occa-sions our anxious desire to aid you in the ad-ministration of the affairs of the Colony, and to co-operate in such Legislative measures as

to co-operate in such Legislative measures as may be deemed most conducive to the wel-fare and progress of our young and rising

Colony. In thus tendering you our welcome, we

His Excellency replied, accepting with sin-cere and heartfelt pleasure the congratulations of the Legislative Assembly; he hoped and trasted that under Divine Providence, the

expectations they might have formed in re-gard to himself, might be fulfilled, and that under his government the Colony might con-tinue to increase and prosper. He would here remark that in his opinion the Colony was not yet in a fit state to be governed there here and prosper. Excellency's administration; and we feel as-sured that your experience in other portions, of Her Majesty's dominions, will enable you no guide the affairs of this young Colony so as to ensure a rapid advance in material wealth and importance. D. CAMERON, C. J. D. CAMERON, C. J.

President. His Excellency said he thanked them very aim. He felt that nothing could be more necessary for the progress and well-being of

gregation, waited upon His Excellency Go-

never interfere, whatever they might chose to vernor Kennedy, Friday, at one o'clock, p.m.

eonother, He remarked that he kimself had come from a country where the great majority of the midclasses were Presbyterians, and had he followed the example of some of his forefathers

perhaps he should have been one himself wever, he was not one. After some further pleasing conversation, the deputation took their leave, higbly gratified with the friendly reception accorded by His Excellency.

> ADDRESS FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

On Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock, a deputation from the Clergy of the Church of England, consisting of the following gentlemen, who were attired in their academicals, had an interview by appointment with His Excellency, when the following address was read and presented by the Rev. E. Cridge,

B. A. To His Excellency Arthur Edward Kenedy, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath. Governor and Commander in Chief of Vancouver Island and its de-

pendencies; May it please your Excellency,---We, the undersigned, Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland in Vancouver Island,

through the providence of Ged, Her Most Gracious Majesty is the temporal head, we desire to convey to your Excellency the assurance of our entire loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's person and government, as well as of duty to your Excellency, as her tried and honored servant.

We trust and believe that your Excellency will ever find in the clergy and members of the Church of England in this celony, as a vernment ever tends to inspire, and which the principles of our church so especially inculcate. As citizens, we feel estitled to avail ourselves, as occasion requires, of those rights and liberties which it is the happy privilege of British subjects to enjoy. As christians we wish to be instrumental in promoting that tone of public sentiment and private virtue which we are persuaded that nothing but the Scriptures on which our DRESS FROM THE PRESEY. ministry is based can generate or maintain; TERIAN CHURCH OF V. I. TO and as Churchmen, while viewing with satis-

faction and without envy, good works, by whomsoever done, we desire to hold fast for A deputation from the First Presbyterian our own guidance, unmolested and unre-Church of Vancouver Island, consisting of arly blessed our nation, and which we singu-

In contemplating the arduous charge imgregation, waited upon His Excellency Go-vernor Kennedy Friday, at ene o'clock, p.m. The Hon. Chief Justice introduced the gentlemen of the deputation, individually, to this Excellency, and the Bay, Mr. Hall then

: Unarles Wood, M A Principal of the Collegiate School ; A. C. Garret, B. A., Frincipal of Indian Missions ; W. S. B. A., d'rincipal of Indian Missions; W. S. Reece, M. A., Vice Principal of the boys Collegiate School; P. L. Lowe; B. A., Minis-ter of Szanich; J. B. Good Minister of St. Paul's Church, Nauaimo; C. Knipe, M. A., Missionary at Alberai, Barclay Sound. His Excellency thanked the deputation cordially for the kind congratulations and expressions contained in the address expressions contained in the address. As a member of the same church to which they belonged, he prized the address very highly. He was fully alive to the influence which the clergy by their ministration exercised over the community, but believed that example was still more important. He assured the departation they might rest satisfied that as citizens and m their rights and privileges should be fully protected. He felt exceedingly grateful fr their prayers that Providence would enable him to discharge faithfully the important trust confided to him by His Gracious Sovereign. Conduct to him by "ris Bracious Sovereign. His Excellency.—Do you four gentlemen represent the whole of the clergy? Mr. Dundas.—There are eight, your Excel-lency, not including the Archdeacon. His Excellency.—Do I understand that in this colony no pecuniary aid whatever is given by government to any church or body ? Mr. Dundas.—None. His Excellency.—So then no fund is set

Mr. Woods—We are quite ready to accopt your Excellency's views. Mr. Woods here explained that the general acceptation of the term consectarian, in this country, was to entirely ignore religion, but he, individually, was quite willing to endorse the proper ac-ceptation of the term. His Excellency the transform

This Excellency then referred to the effects Excellency, for the Legislature to initiate a His Excellency then referred to the effects of not properly attending to the education of the young. He related his experiences as Go-ventor of the penal settlement of Western Australia, and expressed his conviction that every convict—what with the expenses of catching, convicting, feeding, watching, passage money, &c., cost the mother country \$1,000. The passage ont shore, amounted \$1,000. The passage ont, alone, amounted to about £1.00 per head. He enjoined upon the deputation the necessity of preserving the courteous reception which they met. The deputation retired much gratified at

unity and concord in the general cause of education. Personally he should object to see the education of the young fall into the CHINESE ADDRESS TO THE

GOVERNOR. hands of any one sect or denomination. Mr. Dundas drew his Excellency's atten-On Monday at 12 o'clock a number of the

conver with hangers to it. All us here be dwellers at Victoria, this

leading Chinese merchants of the city, action to the system as it now obtained in the Army schools in England, where ministers companied by Messrs. Hall and Wilby, had free and ready access to the boys of their waited on His Excellency and in the name waited on His Excellency and in the name one, and might apply here. His Excellency said he was aware of the system, and any person who could desire more than that would be, he thought, wrong, month, 26th day.

and he was sure unreasonable. Vancouver Island, 1864 year, 4th month 2d day. Mr. Cridge said that the system of non-sectarian schools, as carried out in Canada, Us Chinese men greeting Thes Excellency in first degree Arthur Edward Kennedy, he understood practically though not ostensi Thee in first Rank Country Name Van-

bly excluded all religious instruction. His Excellency referred to his past ex-perience in another colony, where the public paid for a common school, which ineladed Island, and Columbia British, much wish to Roman Catholics and all denominations. The shew mind of dutiful loyalty to this Kingministers used to be permitted to go to the dom Mother Victoria Queen, for much square school for the purpose of attending to the re-ligious training of their own children (a. duty and equal Kingdom rule of us, Just now most humbly offer much joined which he specially enjoined upon them), and so strongly did he regard religion as the minds of compliments to Thee Excellency Governor Kennedy, on stepping to this land of Vancouver, that thee be no longer in basis of all sound education that he caused to be set apart a portion of the public funds danger of Typhoon, us much delighted. Us be here from year 1858, and count over two for the purpose of aiding in the erection o

buildings to be used as Sunday schools, and thousand Chinese. accordingly in a short time each had its own Chinese coustrymen much like that so few Sunday school. The practical effect of this, of us have been chastised for breaking Kingdom rule. This Kingdom rule very different from China. Chinese mind feel much devoted to Victoria Queen, for the protection and dist appeared to him, was to avoid difference or

Mr. Dundas said that already each body here possessed its own Sunday school, on which it bestowed much attention. tributive rule of him Excellency old Gover-nor Sir James Douglas, so reverse California ruling when applied to us Chinese country-His Excellency concluded by desiring that the deputation should bear in mind that the men. Us believing success will come in government here, as in other colonies, cannot obeying rulers, not breaking links, holding do much unless supported by the people out-side, who ought themselves to originate what In trading hope is good and look out large; is found necessary and expedient. The House

big prospects for time to come. Us like this no charge place, see it will of Assembly was the representative of the public mind, and if it were not, the public grow higher to highest ; can' see a Canton will be in Victoria of this Pacific. had the remedy in their own hands. The deputation who were graciously received by His Excellency here withdrew, ex-

derfully and come quick. China has silks, tea, rice, sugar, &c. Here is lumber, coal, ressing their gratification at the result of the aterview. and minerals, in return, and fish an exhaust-

DORESS FROM THE CONGREGA-TIONAL CEURCH TO THE GOV. In ending, us confident in gracious hope in In ending, us confident in gracious hope in DDRESS FROM THE CONGREGA. less supply, which no other land can sur-

thee, first degree and first rank, and first A deputation from the Congregational link, and trust our Californian neighbors may Church in this city, consisting of the Rev. Church in this city; consisting of the Rev. M. Madfie and the trustees of the church, together with several other gentlemen, waited on His Excellency Monday marning and on His Excellency Monday morning, and prosperity to all ranks, and will continue to be faishful and true. presented the following address a lor and Us Chinese men much please Excellency

To His Excellency Arthur Edward Kennedy, Us remember to thee, The Weekly Tuesday, April THE LEGISLATIVE dinisia nistan vita to m Yesterday was the fourth famous body. That it has cussed bills and debated ou had a "local habitation an are inclined to credit, in the we are ready to believe that a man as Socrates. We ocular demonstration, howe fact than the other. The C comprised a certain number various designations, or the have been as much a myth a " Mrs. Harris ;" aud, we all this time the victims fiction as great as the legal and Richard Roe. We are di to take it for granted that a enaciments have gone throu and that there was such a bo lative Council. When we se yesterday was the fourth sitt blage, we simply mean to i the fourth sitting of whiel ocular proof. The past ha chamber and the conclavethe darkness of a secret socie its proceedings. Now, hower of publicity has penetrated this gloomy chamber, the n be surprised if we allude that have grown for years

ceilings and its walls. Th having their acts criticised, at their recent praiseworthy the Council doors to the put one of the necessities of the see as the public does. Cave in Kentucky it is said blind, from the fact of the tinued darkness. The sense no opportunity of exercis they are not as other fish of secret legislative as a somewhat similar effect on and from the absence of pu Council exhibits in its busin irregularity that is scarcel the proper working of a legi In the first place the att bers is so meagre that the p good deal of absurdity in of the seven members wh Council, but three baye bee one of the recent sittings. therefore, on every division and so bills from the Lowe great measure, subject to hi Parliamentary Practice mig clusively in Chinese, for al seem to know about Parli The President proposes amendments, and makes all. The Chairman of Co behind hand does the san the gentleman occupying th some motion or amendmen to his own astonishment.

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members, in the meantime utmost patience and good speech is finished. when

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energetic, and great care legislation does not go on i the six months, ending the

Council transacted the business. They originated

apart for scholastic purposes ? Mr. Dandas explained the position of our

Mr. Woods explained, and dwelt more particularly on the Esquimalt School. His Excellency.—Is the sum granted for these purposes sufficient? Woods -- Hardly.

His Excellency.—Are they denomina-tional, or what is called Sectarian ? Mr. Woods.—Denominational. Mr. Woods explained that in the teaching especial care was taken that no offence should be given to

any religious denomination, and the words of explanstion on the same subject. His Excellency—Has it never occurred to you, gentlemen, that it would lower the

you, gentlemen, that it would lower the position of the schools and cause the funds to be fristered away by having too many schools instead of possessing fewer and more efficient ones adequately supported 4. Don't you think that in a country like this, where men are thrown much together, it would be better that they should be educated together, which you could not do by a denominational system. His Excellency then explained fully his reasons for objecting to anything how a mon

reasons for objecting to anything but a non-sectarian system of schools, as was known, and understood by the National system. He had, witnessed the evil results of boys being educated to demounce the religion of others, The only persons, in his opinion, com-petent to instruct children in religious principles were either the parents or a minister who had their confidence. He enice. He enquired if those were the views of the deputa-

Mr. Dundas and others-Quite so.

Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Vancouver Island and its dependencies, &c., &c. May it please your Excellency :

May it please your Excellency: We, the Ministers, members, and adher-ents, of the Congregational Church in this city, ecclesiastical descendants of the English Puritans and the Protector of the Commun-wealth, beg in approaching Your Excellency, wealth, beg in approaching Your Excellency to do ourselves the honor of joining in the general and hearty welcome accorded to you by our fellow citizens of other religions denomi-

ency has exercised administrative functions which your official services were rewarded by Her, Majesty's subjects in the sections of the empire you governed, we are encouraged to hope that the period of your residence among us so auspiciously inaugurated will, under divine guidance, be associated in our local history with an accession of prosperity in every department of enterprise, and in every organ-ization for the public good, that will prove a source of gratification to your Excellency, endear your name to the present generation, and render it illustrious to our remotest pes-terity.

your family with the enjoyment of uninter-Signed on behalf of the Congregation, MATTERW MACTER, ALEX D. MACDONALD, ALEX MUNRO,

J. BISSETT, W. M. SEARBY, W. M. O. D. LINDSAY, Trustees. Victoria V. L. 4th April, 1864.

There were also present—Messrs, Downie, Fell, Parsons, McKay and Scott. His Excellency in reply expressed his sat-isfaction at the terms of loyalty evinced in the address towards the Thione and thanked he deputation for the kind manner in which

llusion had been made to himself personally. He assured them that in him they would at Fort Rupert on her way down the coast. find as warm a friend of religious liberty and equality as any Congregationalist could be. He knew no distinction except between leval equality as any Congregationalist could be. He knew no distinction except between leval and disloyal—honest, and dishonest. They and Mr. Walker's pack train would shortly might depend upon it that no one sect more than another should be partially treated nn-der his government. In other colonies gov-been discovered in than another should be partially treated un-der his government. In other colonies gov-erned by him he had always found Congre-gationalists a useful and loyal body. He concluded by remarking that if their wishes were not realized as to his official career, it would not be for want of sincerity of purpese

would not be for want of sincerity of purpose on his part. of the second

His Excellency made some inquiries about the number of Mr. Macfie's congregation, and then remarked, "I have always advocated about \$2,000, which was all he had realised. that in the colonies there is room enough for The gold is of the fine description, called the efforts of all religious denominations, and "float gold," and of very fine quality, worth that they should have perfect freedom to con-at least \$17 50 the ounce. Pearse did not duct public worship according to ** -dictates give a very encouraging report of the richof conscience." ness of the district

Signed Tai Soong & Co., by Tong Kee, Yan, Woo Sang & Co., by Chang Tsoo, Kwong Lee & Co., by Lee Chang, Tong Fat. Mr. Hall, the translator and reader of the

The maritime enterprises will add up won-

our fellow citizens of other religions denominations on your arrival in this remote but important dependency of Great Britain, as Representative of our Most Gracious Sov-ereign. ty as well as any other of her subjects. His Excellency said he thought very highly of n other Colonies, and the high esteem with the sentiments expressed in their address, and which your official services were rewarded by said they showed a great knowledge of trade

> or 400 were in Vancouver Island. Those in British Columbia were chiefly employed

In mining. His Excellency remarked that he had al-ways found the Chinese an orderly and in-dustrious people, and he hoped they would keep up the same good reputation in this colony. He then conteously dismissed the deputation.

FROM BENTINCK ARM

The schooner Amelia, Capt. Morrison, hav-ing on board Major Robertson, Capt. Cator, Mr. Ernest Walker, and several other pas-sengers and a cargo of furs and skins. valued at over \$5000, arrived Monday from Ben-The Amelia was 16 days on the passage, and encountered severe S E gales while crossing Queen Charlotte Sound. She called

There is nothing of much general interest

Peace River. Pearse, the miner, who has been prospec-

enough truly to make its