

Address We thank your Excellency for the intimation that six of the acts passed in the last session have been by her Majesty "left to their operation," and for your Excellency's intention to submit to our inspection the correspondence that has passed respecting two others, which we shall not fail to take into our early consideration.

We are happy to learn from your Excellency that the views of her Majesty's Government are so fully and satisfactorily laid down in the despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State on the subject of the Land Bill, as to afford grounds for expecting the immediate settlement of that important subject in a manner suiting the circumstances of the colony.

We also thank your Excellency for proposing to lay before us the last report of the Geological Surveyor, and we shall be happy to take your Excellency's suggestion upon the practicability of rendering his past operations permanently useful into consideration.

We shall not fail to adopt your Excellency's recommendation of appointing a committee to act with a committee of her Majesty's Council, in order to the consideration of how far the gracious permission of her Majesty to use, for the purposes of the colony, such buildings in Fort William as may be rendered available to the accommodation of the Legislature.

We also thank your Excellency for your Excellency's promise to send down the estimates for the ensuing financial year without delay. It affords us gratification to find that the augmentation of the Revenue by the fiscal enactments of the last session, has rendered our pecuniary condition satisfactory, and we shall consider the best means of preventing smuggling.

We shall apply with anxious solicitude to the subject of providing a suitable and permanent provision for the sick and disabled and helpless poor. It is with pain we learn that the absence of a Legislative provision for the sick poor of the colony has had the effect of closing the hospital against them. We regret, too, that by the recent arrangement respecting the hospital, a large portion of the population are excluded from its advantages, and shall consider of the best means of rendering it generally useful.

We regret to learn from your Excellency that any circumstances should have arisen in Conception Bay to render necessary in the opinion of your Excellency the exercise of the Legislative authority, but cannot refrain from most respectfully expressing our dissent from the correctness of the opinion of the existence in the Executive of a right to issue a writ for the election of a member to serve in the Assembly in the room of a member deceased, without the official intimation of such death by the Assembly.

We entertain feelings of unmixed gratitude to her Majesty's Government for the lively interest manifested by her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for the promotion of the making of roads in this colony, and to your Excellency for urging upon the Legislature the importance of a subject, an act to provide for which had been introduced and discussed, and had passed in this branch of the Legislature in two successive sessions; we shall therefore enter upon the consideration of that subject with an earnest desire to promote the public good.

We are sorry to find that the expiring of the Quarantine Act has led to in-