

We shall willingly concur in any judicious amendments which may be proposed for regulating the election of Members of the Assembly.

The deep importance of the duties confided to the Law Commission, leads us to hope that no relaxation will take place in the diligence and perseverance which, we are gratified to learn, have marked their labours; and we shall gladly embrace any opportunity of legislating on their Report.

We acknowledge the importance of securing the Registration of Marriages, Births, and Deaths, and will favourably consider any Bill which may be submitted for that purpose.

We unite with Your Excellency in grateful acknowledgments to Divine Providence for the blessings of abundant Crops and extended Commerce.

We entirely concur in the opinion expressed by Your Excellency of the great advantages to the Country which may be anticipated from the Provincial Exhibition, which so fully met the highest expectations of its originators.

We feel satisfied that any arrangement admitting Foreigners to a participation in the Fisheries of our Coasts, will be received with jealousy and repugnance by the People of this Province, unless ample concessions are made in return: We however feel relieved from apprehensions on this subject by the gratifying assurance of Your Excellency, that one of the main objects which Her Majesty the Queen has in view in the adjustment of this question, is the prosperity of the North American Provinces; and that with this view the interests of New Brunswick will be carefully considered.

ORDERED, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messieurs Harrison and Brown be appointed a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when this House would be received with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

The Honorable Mr. Brown, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

From the Grand Jury of Northumberland, praying for aid to improve navigation of South West Branch of the Miramichi River: and

From George N. Porter, against a Charter for clearing out Palfry Brook.

ORDERED, That the same be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 26th February, 1853.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

*Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Minchin,
Mr. Brown,*

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Solicitor General,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Gilbert.*

PRAYERS.