

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE
LUCIUS BENTINCK,

Viscount Falkland,

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and
Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable
Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor
and Commander in Chief in and over Her
Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and
its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

The Address of the Legislative Council.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Legislative Council respectfully pray your Excellency to convey to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, their cordial acknowledgements for affording to the Provincial Legislature, an opportunity of becoming a party before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to the pending controversy, regarding the annexation to Nova Scotia of Cape Breton in the year 1820. Address.

The Legislative Council have taken into deliberate consideration the Despatches and Documents submitted to them, and humbly inform your Excellency that reposing implicit confidence in the learning and ability of the Attorney General and Solicitor General of England, and the wisdom and integrity of the eminent Tribunal before whom they are to vindicate the legality of such annexation, the Legislative Council do not deem it necessary that an Agent should be specially authorized to represent the Colonial Legislature in the present enquiry.

The Legislative Council, however, in the hope that in the Public Archives of the Province, information may be found which may possibly be useful to that Tribunal in its deliberations upon the subject, pray that your Excellency will direct the proper Officers to search for Documents and Records having such tendency, and if any be discovered, that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Right Honorable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Ordered, That the said Address be received and adopted. Address adopted.

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

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the said Address be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency, and ascertain when His Excellency will be pleased to receive this House with their Address. Com. to ascertain when H. E. will receive Address.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the performance of Statute Labour on the Highways in the County of Shelburne, during the present year. Statute Labor Shelburne, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough, and for other purposes. Sessions Guysborough Bills.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bills. Standing order suspended.

The said Bills were read a second time.

Bills read 2nd time

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And ord. to com.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bills,—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported the Committee had gone through the said Bills, and had agreed to the same without any amendment. Committed Reported without amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time.

Read 3rd time.

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