

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN GEORGE COLEBROOKE, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of the House of Assembly.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We beg to express our thanks to Your Excellency for the Speech delivered at the opening of the Session ; and we trust that the labours of the present meeting, convened thus early from Your Excellency's desire to hasten the maturing of measures applicable to our situation, may realize the just expectations of the Province : The deficiency of the late Harvest in many parts of which, as well as the recent check to Commerce, renders it incumbent on the Legislature to give its utmost aid towards the advancement of Agriculture, the Fisheries, and every other source of productive wealth.

We join Your Excellency in the hope that the Act of last Session for the improvement of Parish Schools, which has already accomplished the long desired object of introducing a supply of Elementary Books, may become extensively beneficial to the present and rising generation ; and that the establishment of a Model and Training School will be a means of infusing still further facilities into that Department of Public Education.

While we cannot conceal our regret that no final adjustment of the Canadian Boundary Question has as yet been made, we are happy to learn that the necessary explorations appear to have been completed in such a manner as to lead Your Excellency to anticipate a result, consistent with the Territorial rights of this Province ; and we beg to assure Your Excellency that we shall give to the Communication from Her Majesty's Government on the Railway Survey that attention which so important a subject demands.

We learn, with much satisfaction, that the Survey of the Bay of Fundy, a work productive of so many advantages to National and Inter-Colonial Trade, may be expected to be resumed in the ensuing Spring.

To all Communications connected with the Post Office we shall not fail to give due attention, with a hope that such arrangements may be effected as may be beneficial to the Public as well as to the Revenue, by introducing an improved system in the general management of that Department.

We participate in Your Excellency's regret that recent disturbances, in some few places within the Province, should have constituted an exception to that general peace and happiness which this highly favoured portion of Her Majesty's Dominions has so long enjoyed ; we believe, however, that the character of the People is still unimpaired, and that public opinion will be in unison with those measures, which we shall cheerfully support, for the preservation of the peace, the security of life and property, and the strengthening and maintaining the Authorities of the Country ; and with a view to prevent the recurrence of those outrages, so inconsistent with the moral and social condition of the Province, the improvement of the means of secondary punishment in the Prisons shall receive our deliberate attention.

We shall readily attend to any proposed amendment of the Law for facilitating a satisfactory adjustment of the claims of the Indian Population, and the persons residing on the Reserves ; and Your Excellency may be assured of our earnest desire to adopt such measures, in relation to this subject, as may do equal justice to the parties, and conduce to the credit and advantage of the Province.

It is most gratifying to learn that the Revenues of the past year have not been affected by the general depression of Trade ; and it is our earnest desire to regulate the amount of Duties on the Imports in such a manner as may be consistent with the Public Service, and the various interests involved.

We shall receive the Accounts of the last year, with full confidence that the Funds placed at the disposal of Government have been expended with due attention to Public Economy.

We lament the existence of any circumstances in the United Kingdom by which a multitude of human beings afflicted by disease, and in other respects incapable of becoming