

Oath of Allegiance was administered to him by the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, (a Commissioner,) and after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned to him next to Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Tobin presented a Bill to amend the Act to provide for the Registry of War-rants to confess Judgments—which was read a first time. Bill pro forma read.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk: Speech reported.

Mr. Creighton moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency in answer to his Speech, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows: Address moved.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Earl of Mulgrave,
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,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the Speech with which the present General Assembly has been opened. Address.

We assure your Excellency that we shall devote our careful attention to any communications which your Excellency may direct to be laid before us on the subject of a Federal Union of the North American Provinces.

We learn with much satisfaction that the Address to Her Majesty on the Inter-Colonial Railroad was very graciously received.

The correspondence with the Imperial Government, Canada, and New Brunswick, together with the Report of the Delegates on that important subject, will receive our attentive consideration.

We are pleased to know that your Excellency has enjoyed opportunities of visiting, during the past Summer, several portions of the Province, and that it is your purpose to become personally acquainted with the other sections of the Country.

We are gratified to learn that the Hospital for the Insane has been so far completed and finished as to be ready for the reception of patients, and that a number are now partaking of the benefits of the Institution.

Whilst uniting with your Excellency in thanking Almighty God for an abundant harvest, we cannot but deplore the distress in which a portion of our hardy and industrious population is involved by a partial failure of the Fisheries.

Deeply sensible of the importance of preserving unsullied the Provincial credit, we shall not fail to observe the obligation it imposes on us to practice economy while making provision for the necessary services of the country.

We assure your Excellency that on all measures of public utility, and especially those to which our attention shall be invited by your Excellency, our most careful consideration will be cheerfully bestowed.

Ordered, That the said Address be read a second time at a future day.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. McCully, and Mr. Fairbanks, be appointed a Committee for making arrangements for reporting and publishing the Debates of the House. Com. on Reporting.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at one o'clock. Adjourn.