

Trade is increasing, and beginning to embrace new sources of commercial employment : Our Fisheries have been carried on with increased activity during the past year—in every branch of our industry, there is a visible improvement.

I have great pleasure also, in reporting to you the state of the Provincial Finances;—The Revenue of the last year has somewhat exceeded the sum which was anticipated :—It has been faithfully collected, and every demand upon the Government punctually discharged. In addition to the Revenue raised under Provincial Statutes, considerable sums of money have been paid into the Treasury by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, (Duties arising under Acts of the Imperial Parliament to extend and regulate the Colonial Trade,) which payments have enabled me to cancel Provincial Notes to nearly a corresponding amount.

Agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature in its last Session, Copper Tokens have been imported and issued from the Treasury, to supply the deficiency of small change ; and I have given directions, under that authority, for the importation of a further quantity of Coin, sufficient, I hope, to remove the inconveniences which the Community experience in that respect.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I shall direct the Public Accounts of the last Year to be laid before you for examination without delay ; as also the usual Annual Estimate of the Civil Establishment ; and I rely on your granting the Supplies necessary for the Support of His Majesty's Government, with your accustomed liberality,

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council :*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

Knowing from experience, that the various Interests and Institutions of the Province, connected with its public prosperity and internal improvement, will come under your review, in the course of the Session, and receive from you all the support and assistance which they may appear to you to require, and of which our limited means will admit; I feel it to be unnecessary for me to call your attention at present to any particular object ; but as it is my duty, and has ever been my unceasing endeavour in my Administration of the Government, to watch over the Public Interests, and to promote, as far as I am able, the Peace and Prosperity of this improving and happy Colony, I shall not fail to bring under your consideration, by Message, any measures which may appear to me will conduce to those ends ; while you may always rely upon my ready concurrence in those, which you may bring forward for the advancement of the Public Good.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Ritchie, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Ruggles and Mr. Flemming, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Archibald, Mr. James and Mr. O'Brien, be a Committee to examine into, and report on, the expiring Laws.

Charles R. Fairbanks, Esq. returned duly elected a Member for the Town of Halifax, in the room of George Grassie, Esq. deceased, took his Seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. J. L. Chipman, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Flemming, Mr. Wier, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee of Privileges.

Then the House adjourned untill to-morrow, at three of the clock.

*Friday,*