

Mr. Dickey then proposed the following Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and moved that the same do pass: viz:—

Address moved in Answer to Speech.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT DALKEILD,

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.

May it please Your Excellency;

We the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the people of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature, and for having called us together at a time when the discharge of our Legislative functions will interfere less with our ordinary avocations than at any other season of the year.

Her Majesty's loyal and attached subjects in the Province, participating in whatever affects the happiness of our beloved Sovereign, have shared in the national joy on the birth of a Prince.

We are grateful for the plentiful harvest with which the Province has been blessed during the last season.

While it is the subject of our regret that some important branches of the Fisheries have been unproductive, we are happy that others have prospered, and we trust that no permanent diminution may take place in this great source of comfort and independence, to a portion of the Provincial population so hardy, enterprising, and valuable as its Fishermen.

Your Excellency may be assured of our attention to the Accounts for the past and the Estimates for the current year, when your Excellency shall have caused them to be laid before us. We derive great satisfaction from the information that the increase of the Revenue has been so great as to have rendered it unnecessary for your Excellency to obtain, in accordance with our request, any extension of the time for repayment of the sum borrowed by the Province from the Bank of British North America.

We thank your Excellency for the assurance, that at an early opportunity you will make us acquainted with the efforts you have made to justify the confidence expressed in your Excellency by the resolution of the 12th of April last.

We shall be happy to receive the documents relating to so important a branch of the Public Service as the Revenue department, which your Excellency has been pleased to say you will direct to be communicated to us.

The augmentation of the public resources is a matter of congratulation to the Province, and we shall be happy to find that measures adopted by your Excellency for inducing increased vigilance and efficiency in this department have been instrumental in a result so beneficial.

We are grateful for the earnest solicitude expressed by your Excellency on a subject of such importance as the diffusion of Education throughout the country,—and we will deem it to be among our highest duties to give to its consideration all the advantage that can result from our knowledge of the wants, the feelings and the social position of our constituents. We regard as of primary importance the more general extension of the benefits to be derived from Common Schools, and consider as entitled to our especial attention the wants of the remote and more indigent settlements, whose inhabitants we cordially agree with your Excellency in considering to stand peculiarly in need of sympathy