

for this last year, as had been anticipated ; it therefore became necessary, in order to carry into effect the appropriations of the last Session of Assembly, to have recourse to a farther issue of Provincial Notes, under the Law, and there is every reason to believe, that the measure has been generally felt to be a public convenience. I am happy however to have it in my power to say, that the Revenue has of late been gradually improving ; but as it cannot be expected to encrease to that ratio which the wants of the Province may require, I recommend it as a subject worthy your most serious consideration, whether, while the state of the Province progressively improves, the Revenue might not also be farther advanced, without injury to the general prosperity.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council :
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

In addressing you in this first Session of a New Assembly, it is truly gratifying to think, that this happy country is yet ignorant of the influence of Party, or of Faction.

Nova-Scotia, resting secure under the powerful protection of the British Crown, has nothing to do with foreign connections or political questions: the prosperity, the improvement, the happiness of the land you live in, are the important, and the only, objects of your deliberation.

Possessed of the confidence of your Constituents, and intimately acquainted with the real state of the Country, I feel assured, that you will give yourselves to the dispatch of Public Affairs, with that spirit which marks men intent upon the public prosperity ; with that liberality which belongs to men of enlightened minds ; and with that deliberate judgment which becomes the great Council of the Country.

The Public looks with anxious expectation to your proceedings. I also feel deeply interested in them. Ardently desirous to promote the public good, I confidently expect your support ; and I beg most strongly to impress upon your minds that the surest pledge of the welfare of this Province, will ever be found in the unanimity of its Councils.

DALHOUSIE.

Ordered, That Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Mortimer, be a committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

The House then proceeded to the choice of Officers, when
 James Boutineau Francklin, Esq. was chosen Clerk ;
 The Rev. John Inglis, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's, Chaplain ;
 Mr. Judah Wells, Serjeant at Arms ;
 Mr. John Gibbs, Messenger.
 The Clerk took the usual Oaths.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Crane, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Albrow, and Mr. Robert Dickson, be a Grand Committee of Justice.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Albrow, Mr. Flemming and Mr. Dewolf, 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.

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

Friday, 12th February, 1819.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Cogswell reported from the committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His