

To the Honorable.

MICHAEL FRANCKLIN, Esq;

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province
of Nova-Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Assembly.

May it please your HONOR,

Address.

“ WE His Majesty’s dutiful and loyal Subjects the Repre-
“ sentatives of this Province, met in General As-
“ sembly, return your Honor our Thanks for your Speech from
“ the Chair; and congratulate you on your safe Arrival, after
“ so long an Absence.

“ We flatter ourselves from your thorough knowledge of our
“ State and Condition, and your zeal for the success and Prospe-
“ rity of this Province, (altho’ for some time settled, yet still in
“ it’s Infancy) that your good Endeavours have not been want-
“ ing to lay our situation in a real and just light before His Ma-
“ jesty’s Ministers, as often as proper Opportunities offered,
“ which we hope may be attended with the best Conse-
“ quences.

“ Every Matter that your Honor has been pleased to recom-
“ mend to us, shall be Considered with the utmost Attention,
“ necessity requires it, as the public Credit depends upon it, and
“ the Maintenance and Support of Government cannot possibly
“ subsist without a proper Provision being made to defray the
“ Expences, which must necessarily attend it’s Administration,
“ altho’ in the present Circumstances of the Province, the great-
“ est œconomy is absolutely requisite.

“ If it shall appear that any just Complaints arise against the
“ People in this Province, concerned in furnishing Lumber to
“ the Traders in that Branch, who carry it to Great-Britain,
“ we shall readily Concur in any Law for regulating that Trade,
“ which may be justly esteemed one of our staple Commodi-
“ ties.

“ Any Messages which your Honor may be pleased to send
“ us in the Course of the Session will be taken into our most seri-
“ ous and immediate Consideration, and we shall make it our
“ study to forward every Matter of a Public concern, that may
“ come before us with all possible Dispatch.”

William Nesbitt, Speaker.

June 12th, 1772.