

FRIDAY, 3d JANUARY, 1840.

The Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, was read a third time, and passed.

Address read & passed

Whereupon, the President signed the same, and it is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

**SIR COLIN CAMPBELL,**

*Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, 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 dutiful and loyal subjects the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, Address  
thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the General Assembly.

Our early attention shall be given to the Legislation which may be necessary for remedying the inconveniences arising from defective appointments of Grand Juries, to which your Excellency has directed our notice.

The Despatches in reply to the Addresses, Resolutions, and other Communications on the state of the Province, recently brought under the notice of Her Majesty's Government by the Delegates selected from both Houses, which your Excellency has been pleased to inform us shall be submitted to the Legislature at an early period, we shall receive with the respect and attention due to communications from Her Majesty's Government.

We thank your Excellency for conveying to us thus early an extract from these Despatches, which affords the gratifying assurance that it has been the anxious endeavour of Her Majesty's Minister to arrive at the conclusion on the subjects in question most calculated to meet the wishes and promote the interests of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, and which presents in gratifying terms the favourable sense Her Majesty's Government is pleased to entertain of the humble duty and loyalty of Her subjects in Nova-Scotia.

The establishment of the Steam Communication mentioned by your Excellency, at a large annual charge upon the Imperial Revenue, we acknowledge with gratitude as an additional proof of the deep interest taken by Her Majesty in the welfare of Her North American Colonies, and of the high advantages derived by this Province from the fostering care of the Mother Country.

In contemplating this important measure, by which Halifax is made the point of communication between Great Britain and these Colonies, our pleasure is much enhanced by the reflection that its early accomplishment has been effected by the high enterprize of a Nova-Scotian.

We esteem the improvement of the several Mail Routes to Quebec through this Province, to be an object of great National and Provincial importance. The measures your Excellency adopted during the recess, for forwarding an object so beneficial, furnish further proof of your Excellency's earnest desire to promote the welfare and improvement of the Province. And we beg to assure your Excellency that every question bearing upon it which may come before us, shall receive our best consideration.

Your Excellency may rely on our cordial co-operation with the other Branch of the Legislature in every measure whose tendency is to promote the interest of the Province, and especially in those important particulars enumerated by your Excellency, being convinced that the diffusion of Religious Education—the establishment of a Provincial Penitentiary, Orphan House, and House of Industry—the promotion of Agriculture and the Fisheries—the more effectual repression of encroachments by Foreigners upon the latter, and an improved system of Road Expenditure, present the means on which most materially depend  
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