

of His Subjects in this Province; and that they may rely on His Majesty's Grace and Favour in every Thing that can be done, to promote their Happiness and Interest, and to support and improve the Commerce and Cultivation of so important a Part of His Majesty's Dominions.

And I am to acquaint you, that His Majesty has graciously granted a considerable Sum of Money this Year, towards the Continuation of Roads through the Province: A Bounty, of which, by steadily persevering in the Conduct of dutiful Subjects, I trust you will not fail to gain a further Grant, from a Sovereign so earnest in promoting the Good of his People, and solicitous to reward the Well-deserving.

*Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly.*

You may be assured I earnestly wish your Welfare; every Measure to an End so desirable, shall have my utmost Attention; and I shall have singular Satisfaction in every happy Event.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hinsbelwood*, Mr. *Salter*, and Mr. *Butler*, be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to his Excellency's Speech.

Mr. *John Fillis*, returned as a Member of this House for the County of *Halifax*, took the Oaths and his Seat.

Then adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.

Monday *October* 24th 1768.

Address reported.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Answer to the Speech of his Excellency the Governor, *reported* an Address prepared by them accordingly, which being read,

*Ordered*, That it be committed;

And the said Address having been committed accordingly,